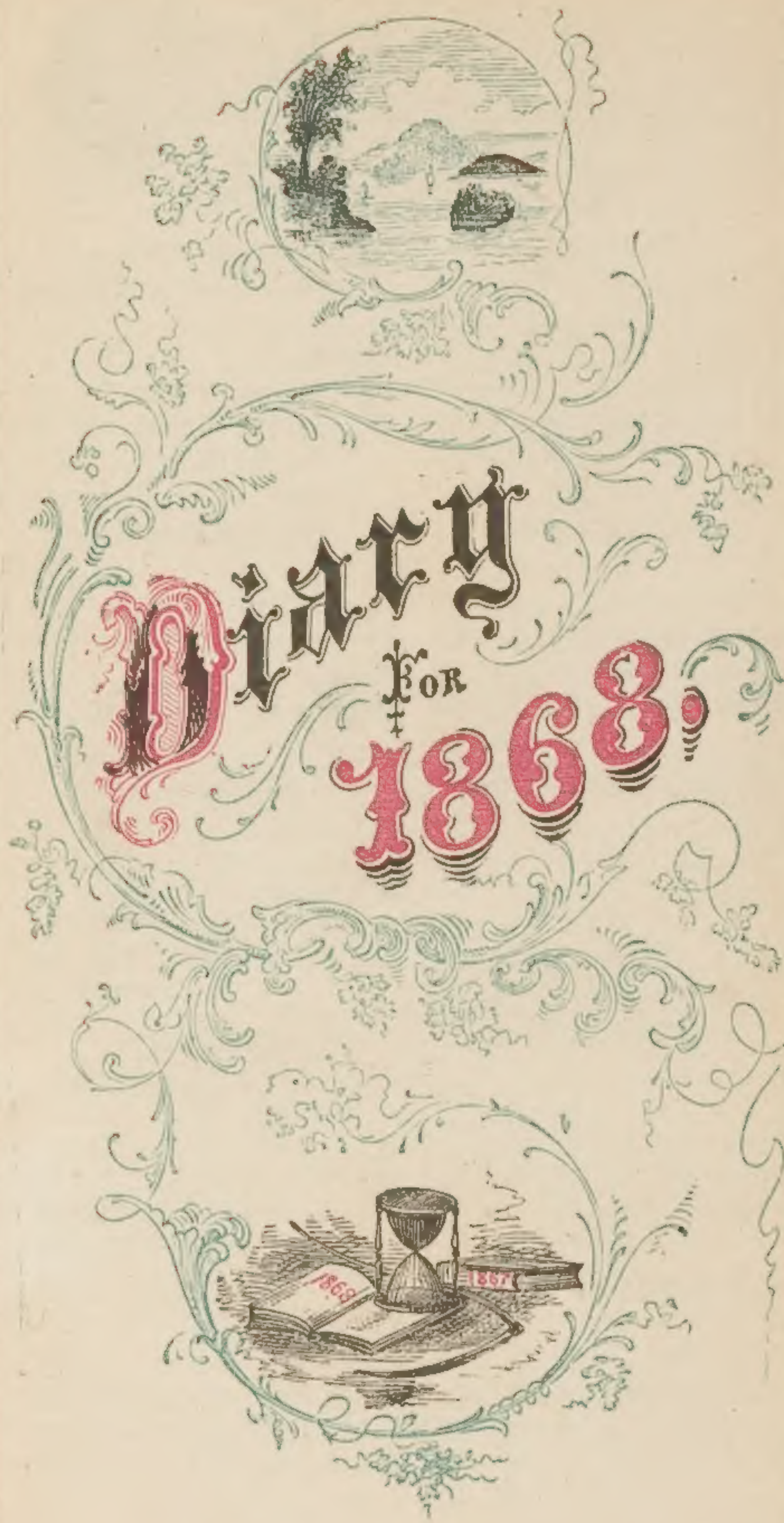


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FIRST Q'RTER..			21	11 44 P.M.		11 32 P.M.					
FULL MOON....			29	9 3 A.M.		8 51 A.M.					

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Wednesday, January 1.

New Years Day
Cloudy and day broken
snowing very fast. Changed
into rain at about 10
A.M. and rained hard
the rest of the day.
About three inches of
snow fell but the rain
used up most of it.
Ther. about 34° - 48°
38°. Rose at 6 A.M.
with Dan and started
shooting. Got as far as the
Pine Swamp when the
storm forced us to return as
we were almost blinded. Saw
several tree sparrows & heard a crow.
Got back at 9 A.M. almost wet
through. I spent most of A.M.
in the barn felling with Ruth.
Ruth, came down to tea
in the evening & we played
several games of croquet.

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Thursday, January 2.

Clear and a pleasant day. The sun melted most of the remaining snow. Ther. about 36° - 38° - 32° . Rose as usual and with Dan fed the dog. Rode down to Lee street with Dan, and came near being late to school. When I got back from school had some lunch as usual. Read a while and took a ride around Fresh pond on Tiger getting back just in time for dinner. Had first part of the evening and practiced Don in charging and fetching. He will now bring a glove to me but will not pick it up. Had a letter from Mr. Dexter today.

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Friday, January 3.

Clear, warm and a beautiful day. Ther. about 34° - 45° - 34° . Rose as usual and fed Don. Walked down to school with the Thrushes. Came home through the Square and bought some parrot. Then had some lunch and started shooting. Went across the pond and then around the Pine swamp to Muskrat brook. Waited here for some time and at last shot a muskrat which Jack brought out. Saw a Titlark plainly and heard a crow. Got back at 5.30 P.M. Walked down from Fresh pond with R. Deane and E. Dodge. E. Dodge saw some blackbird in the Longfellow's lot. Copied into my ledger in evening.

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Saturday, January 4.

Cloudy and snowed all day about 8 inches having fallen. Ther about 30-40-14. rose at 5.30 AM and went shooting with R Deane he taking my gun, and I using the musket went through Belmont and Waltham and reached home at 4.30 PM covered with snow. - Fired twice at Bluejays once at a Grey Squirrel and once into his nest. saw about 20 Snow-burstings, a Song-Sparrow, Tree-Sparrows, Downies, Bluejays and a Rabbit. R Deane fired at a Muskrat. Saw a Dove asleep. went up to the Russett in the evening. went to bed at 9 PM.

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Sunday, January 5.

Clear and a beautiful day. Ther about 10-22-12 did not go out of the house all day. Was confined by a cold. read most of the morning.

Mr Paine called in, in the evening. Father fed Don, Stephen is now very good.

Monday, January 6.

Clear and a beautiful day. Ther. about 12° - 30° - 14 . Rose at about 8 A.M. R. Dean called in immediately after breakfast and stayed a few moments.

Then Dr. Wyman called and after looking at my abscess lanced it causing me much pain. Kept a bread and butter poultice on it all day, it being quite comfortable. When I went to bed put on a flaxseed poultice. Was obliged to take landrune last night as I could not sleep. Mother read Martin Chuzzlewit to me most of the day. Lay on the sofa all day and did not rise till afternoon.

Father fed Don.

This came down & studied in evening

Tuesday, January 7.

Clear and a most lovely day for the season. Ther. 18° - 36° - 30° .

Rose at about 8 A.M. and fed Don as usual. Took the General in the open sleigh at 10 A.M. with mother and rode through Waltham, Newton & back through Watertown. Saw a Snow Bird, two Blue Jays, and a number of the sparrows. Had to take the inflated cushion to sit on. The sleighing was about the best that I ever saw certainly the best that we have had this year. Studied a little on Virgil. Went out to ride again with father in P.M. and saw about 70 Snow Buntings. In the evening got out my Virgil alone. Began to cut ice on Fresh pond to day.

Wednesday, January 8.

A. M. clear. P. M. cloudy but did not rain.

The snow melted a good deal and the sleighing is nearly spoiled.

Thurs. about 32° - 38° - 32° . Rose at 7.45 A. M. and fed Don. Had breakfast and concluded to go to school but did not.

In A. M. took a ride with mother through Brighton, Brookline and Newton.

Saw several Blue Jays, and heard a man fire at a flock of Quail. Got home at about 12.30. Then copied into my ledger. In P. M. took a ride through Belmont with father & saw 4 Snow Buntings & about fifty Robins. Studied in evening. Tiger was clipped to day.

Thursday, January 9.

Clear and a pleasant day. Very windy in P. M. Thurs. about 32° - 36° - 6° . Rose a little early and fed & exercised the dog. Went to school and rode down in the car. Was examined in Cicero by oral questions. Rode home in the car with Stone. Read most of P. M. In the evening went up to the Russells at 6 P. M. much earlier than usual as I generally go at 8 P. M. Theo. was absent to day as he had a sore throat. Studied all the evening & fed Don as usual. Don nearly well now. The sleighing is very poor. In the fields the snow is only about three inches deep.

Friday, January 10.

Clear but very cold
and raw. Ther. about
4° — 15° — 6°.

Rose and usual &
fed and exercised
Don before breakfast.
Rode down to Lee
street and then walked
across. Rode up to the
Square and then took
a Craigie Street car home.
Had lunch as usual and
found Aunt Abbie here.
In P. M. changed Don
from the barn chamber
to an unoccupied stall.

Studied in the evening
at the Mueller's as usual.

Mrs. was absent today. The
Greek lessons are now doubled
but we have no grammar.

R. Deane had a "German"
to night to which I was
invited. Heard a Caper
my abey is now nearly well.

Saturday, January 11.

Clear and a pleasant
day but rather windy
& raw. Ther. about
6° — 14° — 8°.

Rose at the usual
time and fed Don.
Then went up to see R.
Deane & (although it was
9.30 A. M.) found him in
bed. We started for Boston
at 11 A. M. Got off at Charles
St. & went down the Nat.
Hist. Rooms, saw in the
collection of bird a hybrid between
a Black Duck & Mallard.

Then had a Cap. show; then
bought an overcoat. Then went
to Dr. Stearnes; then through
Quincy Market & bought a White
fronted Goose for \$1.00 Saw Quail,
Woodcock, Swamp ducks, Black
Ducks, Mallards, Eider Duck, &
a large bunch of Snow Buntings.
Fed most of evening.

Sunday, January 12.

Clear but very cold & windy. Ther. about 6° - 10° . Fed Don before breakfast and attended church & sabbath school being late to the latter. Read the rest of the day. In the evening called in to see J. Nichols. The sleighing is entirely mixed up. Saw two Brown Creepers. The snow in the fields is about three inches deep.

Monday, January 13.

Clear and rather windy. Ther. about 2° - 12° & 8° . Frazzled Don. Walked down to school with E. Dodge. Stayed after school and made up to lessons in Cicero that I had lost when absent. When I got home had some lunch. Then seeing Alden passing I walked up to the pond with him. Spent the P.M. in watching them get in the ice. Saw the wood ducks & counted fifteen of them. Coming up Battle Pt. a runaway horse passed us & dashed into Mr. Stuber's. Got back at 6 P.M. & was late to dinner. Had some of the White Fronted Goose brought Saturday which was very good. Went up to Beda evening.

Tuesday, January 14.

A.M. for the most part clear. P.M. cloudy.

Ther. about 8° - 24° - 18° . Ron as usual and fed Don. Then after breakfast started for school & rode from the Colledges down in the Jeanie's sleigh but overthrew. I was late. When I got home from school had some hinch & immediately started skating. Called for Ruth, but he could not go on account of a cold. Skated on the Pond all the P.M. when the ice had been cut off & the water had frozen again.

Saw Dick up there, Allen slid in. Heard some robins & a brown creeper this A.M. Got back at 5.30 P.M. Went up to R in evening. I have a bad sty or else my eye lid is inflamed.

Wednesday, January 15.

Cloudy all day. Snowed most of A.M. but only about three inches of very light snow fell. Ther. about 10° - 22° - 8° . Ron rather late than usual & rode down in the car on account of my eye which is so swollen that I can scarcely see. Rode home in the car.

Park. Shaw joined our Circ. class today. When I got home had some lunch and had a good deal from an old number of Harpers. After dinner fed Don as usual.

Went up to the R at about 7.35 P.M. The lighting is very poor now. The air now advancing in all our studies.

Thursday, January 16.

Clear but rather cold.
Thurs. about 14° -
30° - 14°. Frost as
usual but being rather
late for breakfast father
took care of Son for me.
Walked down to African
Way with R. Deane &
then took the car. Walked
home from school.

Had lunch as usual
and spent the P.M.
in the house on account
of my eye which was
very painful. Picked it
with a needle & put a
bread poultice on it when
I went to bed. Saw a
flock of about 30 robins.
Smith, a boy from Texas,
stabbed Howe in the back in
Mr. Orris' room in school
to day.

Friday, January 17.

Clear and pleasant.
Thurs. about 2° - 24° -
12°. Rose as usual and
left home. Rode down
in the car but walked
home. When I got back
from school had lunch
as usual and then walked
up to the pond alone.
Found Turner, Allen &
Wilson there skating
with about twenty or thirty
others on a place where the
old ice had been cut. Spent
the P.M. there and I never
saw better skating. I made
fall in & lost his skates.
I have got the Outer Edge
quite well. The champion
skater of Boston was skating
there. Got back at about
6 P.M. Fed the dog as
usual after supper. Saw
a very large flock of Tree Sparrows
& heard an old male sing finely.

Saturday, January 18.

Clear but cold. Ther.
 at pond 2. 24° -
 8°. Rose as usual
 & fed war. Then after
 breakfast started shooting
 taking for the first time
 father's double barrel. Went
 up around old. Auburn
 to the "feeding grounds".
 Shot 2 Blue Jays, Saw
 three robins, fifteen or twenty
 Blue Jays, Snow Birds,
 Gold Finches, Chickadees,
 & heard a Golden Winged
 Woodpecker. Saw everywhere
 tracks of Snow Buntings.
 Got back at 1 P.M. Fired
 the gun at a mark a good
 many times. In P.M.
 went up to the pond &
 had some very good
 skating although the
 ice was crowded. Studied
 at R's in evening.

Sunday, January 19.

Clear & pleasant for a
 winter's day. Ther. about
 6° - 24° - 14°
 Froze rather late & did
 not feed Don. Walked
 down to Sabbath school
 but did not go in as
 I was very late. Walked
 around for a while & saw
 a Robin many Gold Finches
 & Snow Birds. attended
 church as usual. Read
 first part of P.M. In
 latter part of P.M. went
 up to the pond where
 they were cutting ice.
 Uncle Albert came yesterday
 & stayed over to day.

Monday, January 20.

Cloudy all day and
frequent snow a number
of times. Ther. about
14° - 35° - 30°.
Rose a little late & fed
the dog. On the way
down to school saw a
flock of over two hundred
Snow Buntings and
five or six Robins.

Was late at school.

When I got home had
some lunch and started
skating. Found the
ice rather soft in
most places, but still
the skating was fair.

Got back at about 6.
10 P. M. Went up to
the Russells in the
evening as usual.

Only very few sleighs are
now to be seen out.

Tuesday, January 21.

Cloudy and snowed
steadily all day about
twelve inches falling.
Ther. about 30° - 36° -

24°. Rose as usual and
fed the dog. Rode down
to the High School on
a jump. Visited home
from school. Heard
a brown creeper & some
Golden Crested Wrens.

After lunch went up to
the Russells and the did.
Dick came to dinner
and spent the evening
with us. We played bridge
most of the time.

Bed down at about 9.30
P. M. I have to study about
an hour & a half out
of school. Dick goes
home to morrow.

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Wednesday, January 22.

Heard a robin.
 Clear and a most
 beautiful day. Ther.
 about 16° - 32° -
 40° . Were as usual
 and fed Don. Rode
 down to school with
 father. We were dismissed
 rather early. At home
 I got home from school
 had some lunch. Then
 went up to the Trustees
 and learnt the lessons
 for tomorrow. Got
 through at about 4.30 P.M.
 & immediately with Tiger
 & rode around Fresh pond.
 Saw a flock of about twenty
 Tit Larks. Heard a
 Brown Creeper & some
 Golden Crested Wrens.
 Got back at 5.30 P.M.
 In the evening went
 up to see Mr. Deane
 who has been sick.

Went down with Mr. Deane.

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Thursday, January 23.

Cloudy all day.
 Ther. 10° - 40° -
 40° . Morning cold &
 chilly. Snow to rain
 at about 3 P.M. &
 wind until 7 P.M.
 when it cleared off. I
 as usual & fed the dogs.
 Rode down in father's
 sleigh. Took my skates
 to school and spent
 the P.M. at the skating
 rink. The ice was rather
 soft and the numerous
 skaters cut it up badly.
 I was there as was
 also Mr. Timmer & others.
 A skater from Stockholm
 performed but he did not
 skate remarkably well.
 Saw two Snow Buntings.
 Called at Mr. Dexter's rooms
 & invited him to dinner to-
 morrow. Went up to the
 evening.

Friday, January 24.

Clear and a beautiful day and warm for the season. Ther. about 32° 40° — 28° .

Rose as usual & fed Dan. Walked down to school & got late. When I got home from school ~~fed~~ some lunch and intended to take a ride on Gigu but Dan came just as I was going to start.

He stayed most of the P. M. and R. Dean came down. Mr. Dexter came and took dinner with us. I spent most of the evening in cleaning my single barrel which I put away. Saw about twenty Robins & a Brown Creeper to day.

Saturday, January 25.

Clear and one of the most lovely days that we have had this winter. Ther. about 18° 30° — 26° .

Th. 40° & ... and went out to see the ... the Pine ... almost ... to the ... there across is ... G. ... & ... by the river. I saw three Snow Buntings by the river. I caught a Lion Hawk down but he got away. Saw two Song Sparrows, three Tit Larks, several Gold Finches & many Snow Buntings, the Sparrows, Snow Birds Blue Jay, & Chickadees. Got home at 11 A. M. ... took a ride through Watertown & Waltham saw 2 G. Crests, & a Red Tailed Hawk. In P. M. skinned the soaked out skin of a Green Blackbird. Went up to the ... in evening. I ... from 8 P. M. to 10 P. M. in our yard.

Sunday, January 26.

Cloudy all day.
 Temp about 30° - 36°
 10° . Bore as usual.
 Walked down to South
 school and was late.
 Attended church.
 Read all P.M. and
 most of evening. In
 evening also wrote a letter
 to Charlie Barnes. Saw
 five or six Ravens.

Snowed all P.M. &
 evening about four
 inches of light snow
 falling.

Monday, January 27.

Cloudy and snowed all
 day but the flakes were
 so fine that only about
 two inches fell. Ther.
 about 12° - 28° - 22° .
 Bore as usual but only
 exercised Don as in future
 I am going to feed him
 but once a day. Walked
 down to school with E.
 Dodge and was late.
 When I got home had
 some lunch and then took
 a ride on Tiger up Concord
 Avenue & back through Waverly.
 Here to my surprise I saw
 a Yellow Rumped Warbler. Saw
 Song & Tree Sparrows & Snow
 Birds. Went up to the Friends
 in the evening and studied
 about an hour. Don ran off
 this evening but came back
 again after the lapse of about thirty
 minutes.

Tuesday, January 28.

Cloudy and if it
snowed nearly all day.
Thurs. about 18° —
 24° — 20° . Home
as usual and exercised
son. Walked down to
Willard St. with E. Dodge
when a party came along
and we rode down to
school on it. When I
got home from school
had some lunch. In
P. M. took a ride through
righton with father.
There was a good deal
of sleighing on the children.
Went up to the Russell's
in evening. I have to study
only about an hour and
a half now. Snow about
ten inches deep & sleighing splendid.
Greek 9th hour, Virgil 8th, Cicero
4th, Tuesdays & Thursday Greek
last hour.

Wednesday, January 29.

Cloudy and snowed
nearly all day, but only
two or three inches fell.
Thurs. about 20° —
 26° — 20° . Home as
usual and exercised the
boy. Walked down to school
with E. Dodge and got
in. Rode up from the
Doddges coming home. Had
lunch when I got home
read most of P. M. for
it snowed so that I could
do nothing out of doors.
In the evening Father
called for me to go down to
the rink with him but
I did not go. Went up to
the Russell's in the evening
and studied as usual.

Thursday, January 30.

C. to do most of A.M.
and mowed a good
deal. Cleared off at noon
and the P.M. was very
pleasant. Considerable
snow fell last night &
there is now about four or
five inches in the fields.

Ther. about 18° - 26°.
12°. Felt as usual & exercised
the dog. Walked down to
the spring. Stay with Ruth.
Rode down the rest of the
day on a spring. Rode most
of the day home on a winter
conveyance. Had lunch
as usual when I got home.
In P.M. took a ride with
father & mother through
Brighton & Brooklyn.
The came down in the
evening and dined with
us as he was going to a lecture.

Friday, January 31.

Clear and a beautiful
day. Ther. about 6° -
24° - 10°. Felt as
usual and exercised the
dog. Rode most of the
day down to school on
a spring. Recited Grecian
History as usual the last
hour. Had my lunch
when I got home from
school. In P.M. went
up to H. Deane's and
spent most of the
afternoon. Read some
of the ~~the~~ evening
and did not study.
About four or five inches
of snow on the ground
and the day is
splendid.

Saturday, February 1.

Clear and a ft. so on
 day. Ther. about 6°-
 30° - 20°. Rose at
 6 A. M. took Don
 and went around the
 Heron Swamp. Then
 finding the tracks of a boy
 of Quail I charged into the
 middle of the swamp. Don
 after running through them
 put them up without
 firing. Fired at one that
 flew over me & I think that
 I killed him. Followed them
 up and Don almost had
 on a Buffal Grouse and
 as it was pulled several feathers
 out of it. I shot it on the wing &
 Don pulled its tail out. Got back
 at 10 A. M. & I think that I
 froze my feet. Stuffed the
 grouse in a box. Mr. Dexter
 came in and saw Don. Saw
 the quail & the other birds.
 Heard some robins.

Sunday, February 2.

A. M. clear. 1/2. It
 cloudy. Ther. about
 20° - 40° - 30°. Rose
 as usual but did not
 attend Sabbath school
 as my feet were very
 sore on account of this
 getting frozen yesterday.
 Rode down to church in
 the car. Read first part
 of P. M. & then took a
 ride through the fields
 where we visited Mr. Barnis
 & saw his Pointis but he
 was not at home. Then
 down to Brighton and
 saw Mr. Barnis's dogs.
 Had most of evening.

Monday, February 3.

Clear but exceedingly cold. Therm 40° - 30° - 1 below zero. Room as usual but did not exercise Don. Rode down to school in father's sleigh. When I got home from school had lunch as usual. R. Dean came down in P.M. I spent the afternoon with me. The sleighing is now perfect.

Went up to K's in evening as usual

Tuesday, February 4.

Clear but very cold. Therm. about 20° - 25° - 15°. Room as usual. Walked down to the Common and rode down the rest of the way on a sled. Rode nearly all the way home from school. Had lunch as usual. Father carried me up to the Glacier in his sleigh and I skated there all the P.M. Got home at 6 P.M. Fed Don as usual and then went up to the R. Began to review in Greek today & will finish *et cetera* in Poetae & Cicero to morrow.

Wednesday, February 5.

Saw two robins.

Clear in A. M. P. M.
 Cloudy with a "Snow Bank"
 in the South. Ther.
 about 4 below 26° —
 24°. Began to snow at
 7 P. M. and was moving
 when I retired for the
 night. Rose as usual
 but did not exercise.
 Don. Rode down to
 school with father.
 Came home through
 the Lyman. Went to
 ride with father & mother
 in P. M. & went over
 to the Milldam & saw
 the sleighing. Also cut
 a few wads. Went
 up to the Basin evening
 as usual. The snow
 in the fields is still
 without a crust.

The sleighing is still
 splendid.

Thursday, February 6.

Cloudy nearly all day.
 About 1 1/2 of a foot of snow
 fell last night. Ther.
 about 22° — 36° — 24°.
 Rose as usual and
 exercised. Don. Walked
 down to school with E.
 Dodge. The sleighing track
 was all in ruins this
 morning as the roof fell
 in last night on account
 of the weight of the snow.
 Walked up to the College
 and rode up the rest of
 the way. After lunch
 cut a box of wads. Went
 up to see H. Den in P. M.
 and took Don with me.
 Went up to the Basin
 evening.

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Friday, February 7.

Clear but very windy
and rain. Therm. at
10[°] --- 20[°] --- 6[°].

Went to school and
exercised. Don. Took
down to school with
father in A. H.

We were dismissed
at recess. Came home
through the snow
and set a box for my
Humming Bird's nest.

Came up Brattle St.
saw about a dozen Robins
feeding in a cedar tree
in the Bachelor's yard.

In P. M. took a ride
with father & mother
through Brookline.

Had most of the
evening.

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Saturday, February 8.

Saw three Robins & two
Golden Crested.
Clear and a beautiful day.
Therm. at 10[°] below zero
24[°] --- 10[°] --- 20[°] at
6[°] it is trying to go
shorter but it was
intensely cold that I went
back to bed again. Went
as usual and had breakfast.
Then read from Don. Then
exercised Don. Went out to
Boston at 11[°] A. M. saw
a number of Robins feeding
in the road. Went up to
the State House. but Mr.
Sennels was not in. Went
down to the market. They
had numbers of Black Ducks
from Mendota. Went down
to Jennings' store, & saw his son.
Came out with Tiger & saw Mr.
Horton's dog. Also looked at a
pointer puppy in the Bird store.
Went shooting ground Mr.
Sturges in P. M. & shot
a Tree Sparrow but did not pick
it up. Studied at 2³⁰ in evening.

Sunday, February 9.

Cloudy. Morning broken
snowing. Changed to
rain at noon. Rained
all the rest of the day.
Ther. about 34° 46° -
 34° . Ron as usual.
Attended church &
Sabbath school. Called
in at Mr. Dexter's room
on the way home school.
Had most of P. M.
Laid in P. M. Took a walk
with father up to Mt.
Arbore & took I on with
me. John Nichols came
to tea in the evening.
Saw about thirty Robins.

Monday, February 10.

Clear but very cold.
Ther. 18° - 12° - 4° .
Ron as usual. Walked
down to school with
R. Deane and got late.
Came home from school
with the boys as usual.
When I got home there
was a flock of about thirty
Robins in our yard.
In the first part of P. M.
R. Deane came down.
Then Father called for
me & I went skating
with him up to 'the pond'
& we found it very good.
Got home at 6. P. M.
Went up to K. in
evening. Heard a creeper.

Tuesday, February 11.

Clear & pleasant.

Turned for about a
half an hour. Ther.
about $2^{\circ} - 18^{\circ} 60$.

Then, rather early, and
walked down to
school with E. Dodge.
When I got back
from school, I swept
off a large pond in
our yard. I started then
all the fall with

I saw Mr. Savaine, Washburn
Crosswell did not
have to study in the
evening. Went up &
got H. Deane & E. Lodge
& skated with them
all the evening.

The Robins have been a
sight over Mount Vernon
the pond and are there at
all times of the day.

Wednesday, February 12.

Char & phosmit.

Thurs. about 0° - 26° - 18° .

Thomas and
indivision to shoot
in 10th, 11th.

Wrote up from the
Gymnasium on an ice
pung. Had lunch at
usual; then E. Lodge

Down & with Bill
we swept the porch
about it on all the
S. H. with Whelan.

Farmer, & then, Washburn
& E. Dodge. Father engaged
my friends for 50¢ to day.
The yard was literally crowded
with visitors, all day as many as
fifty being here at once & sometimes
a dozen at once on the porch.

Thursday, February 13.

Clear but very hazy.

I have a good deal and water stood in the streets. Ther. about 14° - 40° - 32° . Rose as usual and rode down to school with father.

Wrote our bird paper today and found it very hard. I got out of school at 12 M. and immediately went into Boston. Father and I met Mr. Bacon & he instructed me how to use Billy which father bought. We brought him out with us in the sleigh. Then found Farrar, Allen, & others on our pond so I skated with them till 5.15 P.M. I spent most of the evening reading and did not have to study. The yard was full of Robins all day.

Friday, February 14.

Clear but rather windy.

Ther. about 10° . Rose about an hour early. Shot two Robins in the yard and Billy retrieved them in good style. Walked down to school with E. Dodge. Came home from school with Dan. We first went up to the Deans with my pointers and saw Ruth. Then came back and Dan took Billy's skates and we skated on our pond all the P.M. Farrar, Allen and others skated with us. Dan left at 5.30 P.M. After dinner found R. Deane on the pond and skated with him for some time. Had most of the evening and went to bed at 9 P.M.

Saturday, February 15.

Cloudy but did not rain. Ther. about 20° - 36° . 34° Rose at 6 A.M. and took Billy up to the Heron Swamp and beat the whole place carefully but found nothing except the traces of rabbits. Got home at 8.30 A.M. Then took another down to the Somerville depot after I had left her there went on with the General through Waverly and Waltham. When I got back found several crows skating and spent several hours on our pond. In P.M. took a ride with father through Waverly and Waltham and saw Mr. Burgess and his boys. Saw thirty of Robins.

Sunday, February 16.

Clear most of the day. Ther. about 30° - 32° - 18° . Rose as usual and let out Billy. Attended Sabbath school and church and walked down and up with R. Deane. Read the first part of P.M. In the latter part took a ride with father through Lexington. Visited Dr. Mason's and saw his two Scotch setters. Then went to Fier's the Bird Store man and got Jupiter leaving down with him to be sold. Went to bed at 11 P.M.

A gentleman at Watertown says that he has seen Blue Birds there I think today but I am not certain. They were seen in the state of Connecticut.

Monday, February 17.

Clear in A. M. to noon.
most of P. M. and
snowed a little.

Ther. about -8° - 34° -
 30° . Frew a little early
and let out Japsies &
Willie. Walked down to
school with Theo.

Wrote one piece paper
which was rather hard.
Got out at recess.

When I got home
had some lunch
spent the P. M. skating
on the Glacialis with
H. Deane, and Wilson
The ice black and smooth
but very thin.

Got back at 3.30 P. M.
In evening began to teach
Japsies fetching.

Saw a flock of about fifty
Snow Buntings & heard a
Robin.

Saw a Song Sparrow

Tuesday, February 18.

Clear and a pleasant day.
Ther. about 22° - 30° -

14° . Frew a little early
and exercised the two dogs.
Walked down to school
with Theo. Wrote one
Greek paper to day and
found it pretty hard.

Got 70 on my Virgil and
also on a piece paper.

Got out at recess. Saw
several Robins. When I
got home went to work
on our pond with Farrar
and Allen. Worked about
two hours before we
chased the ice of snow.

Skated thru all the P. M.
and made Washburn &
the others that came late,
share the other pond.

The ice was very good.
Got the Spanish Eagle today.
Studied at this in evening.

Wednesday, February 19.

Morning broke cloudy and
snowing fast: about an
inch fell on him it cleared
off. Ther. 14° 11° 34°
Went on as usual and
set out the two dogs.

Walked down to school
with E. Dodge & Thos.
Recited Greek & Latin
and got dismissed at
noon. In the way home
saw a flock of about thirty
Crows. "Pill"
I left the post and we
walked till 3 P.M. when
the ice got too soft. Then
looked in on Tiger through
the window and Nathaniel
and saw a Robin & a Golden
Crested Wren. Studied Latin
in the evening at the R.
Jack will now fetch the ring
of, but without chewing it.
and he will kill a Turkey
ing.

Thursday, February 20.

Clear and warmer. Snow
settled a good deal in the
streets were every where wet.
The singing which has
been going on for many weeks
is beginning to die out.
Ther. about 20° - 40° 36°

Rose as usual and exercised
the dogs. Got Jack to fetch a
Robin for the first time,
to day. Heard some Cedar
Birds. Walked down to school
with E. Dodge. With our Greek
paper over to day and Recited
the other lessons as usual.

Got out an hour early.
In P.M. took a ride with
father through Waltham and
saw a Thrush and a Shrike.
Thrush pond is still covered
with ice. Had most of the
evening and Mr. Horsford came
in and looked at my birds.
Blue Birds now can be seen
in Waltham.

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Friday, February 21.

Heard a Grackle & H. Cuck. Morning broke cloudy but it soon cleared off and we had a delightful warm and spring like day. Ther. about 20° - 50° - 32°. Won at 6 A.M. and went through the Heron swamp taking Jack with me. Saw an unusual number of Crows. Found the recent track of a Quail but did not fire at any thing. Heard some Snow Buntings. Got back to breakfast. After breakfast took Bill up to the Peeling Ground. Shot a shrike firing both barrels at him and also a Blue Jay, both of which Billy fished. The Blue Jays were out in force and in high good spirits. Heard one imitate a Cooper's hawk perfectly. Got back at 12 A.M. Then took a ride in the single stage with mother. Dan came out in P.M. and stayed over night.

Saw about fifty Robins.

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Saturday, February 22.

Clear but very windy. Ther. about 8° - 20° - 4°. Woke at 6 A.M. and intended to go shooting with D. French but it was so windy that we went to bed again. After breakfast we crossed a good deal in the pasture. Then a flock of about fifty Cedar birds lit in the yard and I got my gun and killed four at a shot. Billy brought them all, two males and the other two at once. Leander Hunter and his wife came down and spent the day with us. Dan took the 1 P.M. train for Concord. I spent 1 P.M. in skating on pond with Allen & Wheelman. The ice was flound by Friday's thaw and froze last night. Had most of evening.

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Sunday, February 23.

Clear and no wind most of the day. Wind went down at evening. Ther. about 6° below zero - 10° - 5° .
 Home as usual and set out the dogs. attended Sabbath school and church but was late to the latter. Had the first part of P. M. In the latter part took a walk with father carrying Jupiter and Jack with me. Saw about thirty Cedar Birds and two Robins. Heard a Creeper. Had most of evening.

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Monday, February 24.

A. M. clear P. M. cloudy. Ther. about 2° - 26° - 28° .
 Home at 6 A. M. and went shooting took Jack with me and went up back of Mt. Auburn. Shot three Robins and a Blue Jay the latter flying. Missed a great many times as our gun was very dirty. Saw about eighty Robins and a flock of Cedar birds. Got back at 9.30 A. M. Stayed till 2 P. M. on our pond and got the "double eagle" also the "triple" in backwoods. On P. M. took a ride with father through Waverly and Lexington. In evening showed my double barrel and had a bad jolt of it as it was very dirty.

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Tuesday, February 25.

Clear and very pleasant.

Ther. about 14° -- 30° --

18°. Ther. as usual.

Thos. came down with

my gun at 9.30 according

to agreement. Then Bill

took us up to the farm

and left us. We spent

the whole day shooting

in Waltham. Tho. saw

Cedar Birds and a Gray

Squirrel. Jack shot

a Ruffed Grouse and

I found a place where a

skunk had dragged a Quail

out of the snow and fastid on

it. Thos. shot 5 Cedar birds.

Got back at 5 P.M. Thos. took

my gun. Saw many Blue jays.

Shot all the Cedar Birds out

of a flock of about fifty. I shot

the Gray squirrel out of his nest

with one barrel and killed

him with the other.

It was a very

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Wednesday, February 26.

First part of A.M. clear

Rest of day cloudy.

Ther. about 5° to 36°

26°. Ther. as usual, had

no wind, but a cold breeze

the day. Then Thos.

came up and went

shooting with me. First

I shot a Blue Jay back

of J.C. A. house. Then

shot a Squirrel, the first at

at a Fox Hawk then

shot a Blue Jay and then

a Golden Winged Woodpecker.

Got home at 2 P.M.

Had some lunch and

then went up to see Th.

Deane who got back from

New York very late night.

Spent the P.M. up there

and played a game of

billiards at E. Lodge.

Spent most of the evening

staying on the farm.

Thursday, February 27.

Cloudy all day. Snowed a good deal in A.M. and Evening and about an inch of moist snow fell.

Ther. about 16° - 36° - 30°. Frost as usual and saw the eggs.

In P.M. plucked a number of birds and packed away the rest of birds, not last year.

Took a ride at about 1:30 P.M. and rode up Concord as far as the Cross roads in Lexington and thence across to Waltham and home through Brighton. Saw a flock of about thirty Goldfinches feeding on the buds of a hickory tree. Got back at 5 P.M. Spent most of the evening in reading. I am now brainiac Japs to "who".

Saw two Old Trustees

Friday, February 28.

A.M. cloudy and snowed a good deal. P.M. clear and the snow melted considerable. Ther. about 22° - 40° - 32°. Frost as usual and had breakfast at 8:30. Saw a number of birds fed last night and no it was right damp and shing to the smallest twig, in fact, it was a very damp day.

In A.M. took a ride in the single sleigh with mother through Waltham and Belmont taking Tiger. Saw a large flock of Tree Sparrows & a White Throated Nuthatch. Got back at 1:30 P.M. Then saw the wires off many of my birds. In P.M. took a ride with father through Milton and Brighton. In the evening practiced Japs on the "Cotter".

Saturday, February 29.

Clear, but very windy.
 Ther. about 14° 20°
 8° . Went out to N. H.
 and went shooting. Went
 first up to the Heron
 swamp and found the tracks
 of six Quails and a number
 of rabbits. Heard a Brown
 Creeper and a Snow
 Bunting and saw a Song Sparrow
 come across to the Feeding Ground.
 Came across five male Purple
 Finches several of which sang
 up merrily. Saw a Robin and
 shot a Blue Jay. Heard a King Jay
 attempt to imitate a Purple Finch.
 Shot another Blue Jay on the
 way home. The snow drifted a
 great deal. Got in at 11:30
 went into Boston at 12 M. and got
 out five boxes & a Last Letter
 from Samuels. Was showed for the
 first time. Met Mr. Benson. Went
 over to the market. Paid 4
 for the meat. In P. M. coasted with
 the boat.

Sunday, March 1.

Clear but windy. Ther.
 about 5 below 0. 20°
 15° . Then rather late
 and did not attend
 Sabbath school as usual.
 attended church.

Read the first part of
 P. M. In the latter part
 took a walk up to Mt.
 Auburn and J. Nichols
 joined us. He called
 on to see this stock and
 he came down to see
 my puppy. In the
 evening wrote a letter
 to Charlie Carter.
 Heard some Golden Crests

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Monday, March 2.

Cloudy all day.

Morning broke mowing
ice about four inches
in ice fallen. Snowed
hard till about 4 P.M.

The wind blew almost
a hurricane and the
drifting snow filled the
air so that it seemed
almost as bad as the
storm that we had last
year. About fourteen inches
fell. Ther. about 20° -

10° - 6°. Rose a little
earlier than usual and
went down into our cellar
to see if I could not shoot
a cat but I was unsuccessful.

School began today and we
were dismissed at recess.

Kentshaw came up at about
3 P.M. and brought me up
a bottle of green brimstone.

Spent the afternoon at E. Dodge's
playing Billiards.

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Tuesday, March 3.

Cloudy most of A.M.

P.M. clear. Ther. about
0° - 2° Below

Ther. as usual and walked
down to school with E. Dodge.

When I got home from
school let out the two
dogs. Then had lunch
and afterwards went up
to the Russells' and studied.

Had to study about
two hours. Spent the

rest of the P.M. in reading.
Had most of the evening
and began to brood my
nest. Pup. will "yoke"
very well now.

The snow is now so deep
that it is impossible to
move about in the
fields at all.

Wednesday, March 4.

Clear but rather cold.
 Ther. about 0° - 24° -
 18° . Ron as usual.
 Walked down to Mass.
 St. with R. Deane; there
 took a puny wheel
 carried me down Cambridge
 St. as far as Fayatte St.
 When I got home from
 school had lunch as
 usual. Then R. Deane
 called in. I went with
 him up to see E. Dodge
 and we spent the P.M.
 "fooling" around the
 barn. In the evening
 studied as in the usual.
 The snow only melted
 to day in sheltered
 places.

Thursday, March 5.

Clear and a beautiful day.
 Ther. about 10° - 36° -
 12° . Ron as usual.
 Walked down to school
 with E. Dodge. Rode
 part of the way home
 on an ice puny. Had
 lunch as usual. Then
 took Nizer and rode first
 over Wellington Hill; then
 across to Waverly; saw several
 Golden Crests. Then down
 to Waltham; then down
 through Watertown to
 Brighton; then across
 Brighton Bridge and
 home. The sleighing is
 still excellent and it was
 announced in today's paper
 that we have had 84 days
 of good sleighing this winter.
 Went up to R's in evening.
 The snow melted a good
 deal in the sun in the day.

Friday, March 6:

Cloudy but very
warm. Ther. about
0° — 40° — 34°

Pron as usual.

Walked down to
school with J. Russell.
Bought an Arnold's
Greek pron in which
we are to have the first
lesson Monday.
Came home through
the Square. After
lunch read a while.
In P. M. took a ride
with father and
mother through Waltham.
R. Leane came down
after dinner. Studied
at the Russells' in
the evening.

Saturday, March 7.

Cloudy most of A. M.
P. M. clear. Very
warm. Ther. about
35° — 50° — 34°

Pron as usual.

Then took J. up. up
to the Deans and spent
about an hour there
with J. Dodge. Then
went across Fresh pond
with R. Deane and saw
a man there who had
caught 27 Pickers.
Went into the Heron
Swamp & tried to up
in the bushes. Came
home through the Fresh
Swamp. Spent the
P. M. at R. Leane's
& playing billiards with
Ed. Heard a Robin
& saw some Tree Sparrows
also saw some Bunts

Sunday, March 8.

Clear and a springlike day. Ther. about 36° - 54° - 40° .

Pron as usual.

As the snow melted.

Walked down with R. Deane. Saw three Snow Birds, & 9 Cedar Birds. In P. M. took a walk around Mt. Auburn with R. Deane.

The snow has melted away wonderfully within the last three days and the warm weather has used up the sking completely. Wrote an account of my Red Wing with the orange mark, to the Standardist.

Monday, March 9.

Clear and a pleasant day. The snow set in very much. The fields are about half bare.

Ther. about 31° - 54° - 32° . Rose at 6. 1/2 A.M. and took a ride on Tigs around Frost Pond. Saw two Song Sparrows and heard one sing the first one of the season. Got back to breakfast.

Walked down to school at one. When I got back from school had lunch as usual. Then R. Deane came down and we spent the P. M. in snowballing. Went up to the kitchen at six and studied about two hours. The sking is all used up. The Cicero is very hard.

Tuesday, March 10.

Cloudy all day but
did not rain.

Ther. about 36° —
 54° — 40° .

Thore as usual and
let out the dogs.
Walked down to school
and got late.

After I got back from
school had lunch as
usual. Spent the first
part of P. M. about the
barn: then went up
to the T. S. & studied
befor. dinner. Studied
a little at home in
the evening. Heard a
Creeper, & a Golden Crest.
No signs of the Blue
Birds as yet. Began
to rain at 9.30 P. M.

Wednesday, March 11.

Clear but rather windy
Thore but little in the
shade. Ther. about 40° —
 36° — 24° . Altogether
a very good specimen of
a March day. Run about
half an hour early and
exercised the dogs. Caught
a rat which I set out
for Jack to kill. Several
Song Sparrows were singing
rather faintly in the R.
garden. Heard a Male Purple
Finch in the W. lot of pines,
sing most enchantingly.
On the way to school heard
a Song Sparrow sing out loud
& full for the first time this
year. Walked home with R.
Deane. Spent the P. M. at
R. Deane's house. He took
Mr. Fuller's revolver & fired about
twenty times. R. Deane saw
two Blue Birds (males) in
the yard. Went to school in

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Thursday, March 12.

are almost entirely bare.

A.M. clear. P.M. cloudy.
Commenced to rain
in the evening.

Thur. about 18° - 42° -
 34° . Risen at 6.15

A.M. and took a ride
on Tiger. Went through
Belmont & Waverly & down
by the Pond again. Saw
the three first Red Wings
as I went up. Saw a large
Grass Finch in Waverly.

The Song Sparrows were
singing in almost every
brush pile. When I came
down by the swamp a
number of Red Wings were
singing in different parts of
it. Got back to breakfast. Spent
most of the P.M. in fixing
up some of my boxes & in
training Jeph. making him
"seek" by means of pieces of meat.

Went up to the P. in evening

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Friday, March 13.

& cloudy all day.

Rained all last night
and it carried the snow
nearly all off, in fact
little but ice now remains
and the sidewalks are
quite dry. Marbles are
out again among the
small fry. Thur. about
 42° - 54° - 40° .

Rose about an hour and got
my Tiger. Went to see
the dogs as usual before breakfast.

Walked down to Kimball's
house after school and we went
into see Mr. Kimball. I saw him
twelve Black Billed Cuckoos & a
Rose Breasted Grosbeak & got in
return, a Forster's Tern, a Yellow Headed
Blackbird, & a Wood Duck.

In P.M. took a ride through
Belmont on Tiger. Saw my
first Bluebird. About six

or seven Blue Birds were seen today

Also a few birds of the snow is gone in the fields & the roads

Saturday, March 14.

Saw a female Blue Bird.

Clear and a most springlike day in fact the warmest that we have had. Ther. bar. 35° 60° — 40. Frost at 11:15 a.m. and took pup out for the first time. First through the fields; heard the first-Old. Lark; then around the Sipe Swamp; saw the first- Rusty, also many Red Wings; then around Oron Swamp; then along Sipe Brook; saw four Old Larks also a singular fight between two male Song Sparrows. Then over Mill Hill; shot a rabbit on the run; pup. pointed it dead but would not fetch it; then shot two Cedar Birds & pup. fetched them both; then over towards Lex. heard a Purple King.

Caught pup. to "shocky" & made him range alone by occasionally using the check cord. Saw about forty Blue Birds (one flock of six) & many Crows flying North. Got back at 11 A.M. In the P.M. took a ride with father through Marlinton.

Studied in the evening.

Sunday, March 15.

Clear and a beautiful day. Ther. about 44° 64° 50. Rose a little early and shaved myself for the first time. Attended sabbath school and church as usual. Walked around the place in the first part of the day. In the latter part of the afternoon took a walk up to Watertown with the two dogs.

The Robins are beginning to arrive & this morning & evening several were sitting in the tops of our Elm trees and calling to each other, but I have not seen them since as yet. The Blue Birds are again & their birds.

The bulk of the Song Sparrows has come. Went up to J. Nichols to tea in the evening.

Monday, March 16.

Cloudy all day.
 morning. ~~Storm~~ raining
 hard. Foggy all day.
 Rained most of the
 evening. Ther. about
 40° - 50° 40°.
 Intended to ride and
 take a horseback ride
 before breakfast but did
 not as it was raining
 hard. Exercised the dogs
 as usual. Walked down
 to school with Wholman.
 After lunch Henshaw
 called and went with me
 up to E. Dodge's where we
 played a game. Then took
 a horseback ride with
 R. Dean around the pond.
 The snow is entirely gone
 except a few remains of the
 drifts but the grass is only
 green in a few sheltered places.
 Studied in the evening
 at the P. S. S. S. S.

Tuesday, March 17.

Cloudy all day and
 very sultry for the
 season. Ther. 40° - 60°
 42°. Rose as usual
 and exercised the dogs.
 Walked down to school
 with E. Dodge. When
 I got home had lunch
 as usual. Then took
 my gun and I up
 and went up into the
 fields. Shot a pair of
 Blue Birds and a male
 Robin for Mr. Walker.
 I up. Retrieved all the
 birds, but did it rather
 poorly, chewing them a
 good deal. Heard a Robin
 sing to day for the first
 time. Saw several large
 flocks of Snow Birds. The
 males all singing. Studied
 from 4.30 P. M. to 5.30 P. M.
 at the P. S. S. S. S.
 Heard a Snow Bird sing.

Wednesday, March 18.

A. M. cloudy, P. M. clear but very windy. Ther. about 40° - 54° - 34° . Rose as usual and exercised the dog. Walked down with H. Deane. When I got back from school had lunch as usual. Then took my gun and trap. First went through the Snipe Swamp. Heard the Green Frog for the first time, also the first Wh. Bel. Swallow. Saw very large flocks of Crows mingled with Hawks and even several black Eagles. The Pond is filled with floating cakes. Shot a Robin but Jap. chewed it all up. Then with a Lion round around by wire. Got back at 5.30 P. M. Went up to Pt in evening. A Cow Blackbird was seen to lay by Ruth. About two flocks of the Robins and nearly

Thursday, March 19.

Clear and a lovely day. Ther. about 34° - 0° - 39° . Rose at 6 A. M. Got Bill up and he saddled Tiger. As I went up by the Deane's Ruth popped his head out of the window, so I waited until he got up and had his horse saddled. We rode up to and over West Hill. Saw about 30 or 40 Blackbirds & heard a Cow Bunting. Saw a Gull on "the pond". Got back to breakfast. After getting my lunch as usual H. Deane & I went shooting. Saw a Plover, and two Dickcissel back of the brick ice house. Went around the Snipe Swamp. Mr. House says that he saw two Snipe about three days ago. About $\frac{1}{2}$ of the pond is open. He died at Pt in evening.

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Friday, March 20.

A. M. clear and pleasant.
P. M. cloudy with an
East-Wind. Ther. about
32° — 38° — 28°.

Rose a little early exercising
the dogs and making sup.
fetch a Robin several
times. She will "who"
perfectly now and will
fetch from the summer
house to the barn.

Walked down with R.
Deane. After lunch
took my fishing pole
and went up to the
pond back of the ice house
but although the fish
were gimpies they would
not bite. Met R. Deane
there. Got back at 4 P. M.
made J up. fetch a good
deal when I had put away
my pole. Read in evening.
Father bought a book case for the

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Saturday, March 21.

There is more snow on the ground than there
has been at any one time before this winter.
A most singular day.

Ther. about - 30° - 34° - 28°.

Yesterday the snow had all gone
the grass quite green, the frost
all out of the ground except
in the swamps, & the roads &
sidewalks, dry. This morning
broke cloudy, blowing a perfect
gale and the air thick with
falling snow: about 8 inches had
fallen. Snowed hard all day
& at 10 P. M. the snow was still falling.

By night about eighteen inches
on the level had probably fallen
although it is hard to ascertain as it
drifted wonderfully. Rose at 5 A. M.
intending to go shooting for the day with
R. Deane but went back to bed again.

Spent all the A. M. playing billiards
with E. Dodge & R. Deane. Spent the P. M.
at R. Deane's in and out of their house.
Studied at R's in evening. Saw two pairs
of Blue Birds under the lee of some low
bushes, all numbers of Robins & Song

sparrows running over the surface

Hearst & Fox Ed. Sparrow song
A. M. cloudy. Cleared
off at noon. P. M. clear and
warm. Ther about -28° -
 -44° . 34". Rose as
usual and exercised the
dogs. Walked down with
E. Dodge. After school found
Sam waiting for me in front
of the school house. He
walked up with me and
stayed at our house till
4 P. M. when he left to take
the cars at Portland. I walked
about half the way across with
him. Coming up from school
heard several Fox Colored Sparrows
sing. Saw several Blue Birds
and Robins in our yard & the
Purple Finches are singing in spite
of the deep snow, also Song Sparrows.
Saw at least 20 Grackles in As Wagon.
The snow melted a good deal this
P. M. Skipping all shush. A. D. D. D.
went to Woburn with E. Dodge to
see a double nosed Plover.

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Tuesday, March 24,

The Pur Finches sing morning & evening
Clear and pleasant. ^{around the house}

Ther. about 20° -

46° - - - 30°. Ron

at 1 P. M. and exercised
the dog, making him
fetch from Mr. Choate's
fence to our back door.

Heard some Song Sparrows
& Purple Finches. Walked
down with R. Dean.

On the way down heard
two large flocks of Fox colored
Sparrows singing magnif-
icently also large flocks of
Snow Birds. Heard one
Fox Col. Sparrow that sang
remarkably well. Got late in
consequence of listening to them.

In P. M. took a ride through
thicket taking Jap. with me.
The ground is beginning to
show a vein in patches. The Blue
Birds. Robins are very scarce.
make Jap. earn his whole
upper piece of piece by fetching.

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Wednesday, March 25.

Clear and pleasant. Ther. about
22° - - - 44° - 30°. Rose
at 6.30 A. M. Took the dogs to
walk & as I went by the Deans
& Ruth joined me. Billy
began to fight with Prince
but I separated them. We
walked down to the pond & back
again. Heard lots of Fox Col.

Sparrows, Tree Sparrows, &
Snow Birds, singing. Also
Red Wings. Made Jap. fetch by
going back after a stone. Got back
to breakfast. After lunch took
Jap. and went up round the Brown
Swamp. Shot two picked one of
which Jap. fetched but the other
rank. Saw two Muskrat rats.

Saw a pair of singular looking
Hawks and fired at one.

Saw a W. Wing Woodpecker and
heard a C. rufes. Went up to P.
in evening. Jap. seldom drops
anything now that he is
fetching. Snow melted a good

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Thursday, March 26.

Clear and a beautiful day. Ther. about 25° - 40° - 30° . Rose at 7 A. M. and spent about an hour making pup. fetch over the crust.

Walked down with the horse. When I got back from school had lunch as usual. Then took pack & went up through the swamps. Fired at two picked in the Musk Rat pond but missed both; then around which I had shot a Red Wing & saw one of the Hawks seen yesterday. Heard a Fox color. sing splendidly. Fired at a Musk Rat. Came down by Fresh pond & shot a Musk Rat at the mouth of the wire Brook. Pack went in but I had to pull him out or in the ice. Saw three Fox Sparrows, a white Marsh Hawk & shot a Blue Bird.

pack & fetch the birds.

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Friday, March 27.

unusually without dropping.

Clear and a pleasant day, in fact the warmest that I have had for some time. Ther. about 30° - 44° - 45° . Rose at 7 A. M. & exercised the dogs. Studied about 30 minutes.

Walked down with Farrar. Came home through the Square & bought some peanuts. After lunch took a ride on Tige. up Concord Ave. & around by Spy Pond. Saw quantities of Red Wing. Got back at 5 P. M. & R. Dancer came down. Just at sunset saw two Black ducks fly over towards 'the pond'. At dusk the Robins were singing everywhere & I think numbers of the arrived today. Purple Finches have commenced to sing while floating in the air. About $\frac{1}{2}$ the ground bare & the grass is getting green. This evening.

commenced to cry into my new cage. pup. fetch almost.

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Saturday, March 28.

Clear and a beautiful day. Ther. about 30° - 40° - 30° . Rose at 5 A. M. and took Billy with me. First around the Swamp Swamp: saw about 6 Rusties & many Red Wings: then up through Belmont, heard many Gl. Wings, singers & also two male Phoebs. Then through the swamp back of Chumers, heard several Fox Colors singing also many Snow Birds & Tree Sparrows: then to the Cross Roads, Billy pointed a Woodcock twice & I fired three shots & him knocking out many feathers. Then shot a Pur. Grackle which Billy "fetched". Saw a Goldfinch & when I left the house the Robins were singing on all sides. Got back at 12.30 P. M. In P. M. took a ride down to H. Bridge with father.

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Sunday, March 29.

Clear but with a cutting East wind. Ther. about 50° - 42° - 32° . Rose as usual and exercised the dogs. Billy broke through the hot-bed sash. Did not go to church as I have a bad bite on my cheek which has swelled up the whole side of my face. Heard a male Goldfinch sing. In P. M. took a ride up through Lexington and saw Dr. Mason & his dogs. About two thirds of the ground is bare in the fields but the rods are perfectly dry & dusty. Here but back in the country there are quite muddy.

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Monday, March 30.

Clear and pleasant day. Ther 27° 30° 40° 30°
 Rose at the usual time and fed the dogs
 came from school and had lunch as usual
 after which went up to "E Dodge's" and played
 balliards all the afternoon.

R Deane was there, about half of the time.

In the evening studied with the Russells. The snow has nearly gone.

The frost is nearly all out of the ground.

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Tuesday, March 31.

Another beautiful day. Ther 28° 50° 55°
 Arose at the usual time (7 AM) exercised the dogs, walked to school with the Russells. After lunch walked around the grounds with R Deane, went to the Russells at 4 PM to study. For two or three days, my eyes have troubled me very much, so that I could hardly study.

I now train Jupiter three times a day. The Robins have all come but the Blue birds ~~have~~ greatly ~~disappeared~~ diminished during the last snow storm.

Wednesday, April 1.

Clear + warmest
day of the season

Ther 30 - 68 - 50 -

Ran out about 8 o'clock
felt very dizzy + sick so that
I did not go to school. Examined
birds for about half an hour
then took a ride with my
mother thro' Norton + Brook
line - they let out 50
pairs of English Sparrows
Norton Common to day
staid in the house
in the afternoon + evening
felt very sick in the
evening + Ruth Bean
called - Leander took
dinner with us at 5 o'clock
P.M. father fed my
dogs in the evening

Thursday, April 2.

— Fast Day —

A.M. Clear + Warm P.M. Clear
+ rainiest most of the time
Ther 50 - 68 - 40
Saw a number of white
bellied Swallows about my
boys for the first time this
season - after breakfast went
up to see Robear but he
had gone away to the a
boy - (English Pointer) then
took a ride with the old one
thro' Norton + Lexington
+ saw Peter Mason this
day, got home to dinner
at 2 P.M. to dine on
roast Turkey Lettuce &
had the latter for the first
time this year. My health
is much improved to day
had a tremendous shower in
P.M. - neither Mr. Webster
came to show us the Pointer
+ Ruth staid most of the P.M.

Friday, April 3.

Saw the first Grass Finch.
Clear but rather Cool.

The 30 - 48 - 34 -

Rose as usual breakfast
7.30 R. & Sam came down
& we went to Belmont
in the Rockaway spot
the horse in McChesney
shed. On the way up
looked for Snipe but found
none. Shot a Robin in
hasty which Billy returned
Billy pointed a flock
of Snipe about 5 in number
R. & I fired but missed them.

Saw the first grass
Finch - Billy chased a rabbit
Shot another Robin and
a Blackbird. Spent the P. M.
in training Jupiter -
Went over in the evening to
see Mr. Barry with William
took both of my boys.

The Grass looks quite green
The snow has mostly dis-
appeared a snow

Saturday, April 4.

Clear most of A. M. P. M.
cloudy. Ther. about 30° -
36° 28° Rose at
5. A. M. Took breakfast before
I started of milk & cold corned
beef. Heard several Swans
sparrows in going around
the Tupper Swamp. Then
into the Heron Swamp. Billy
started a Rabbit without
preparing. Saw the first night
Heron. Then up towards
Belmont. Started two Green
wing. Took from Musk Rat brook
& fired both barrels at them
wounding one. Then Billy
pointed a snipe & I fired at it.
Shot a Md. Lark flying & Billy
found it. Coming home saw
five Tit Larks. In P. M.
rode up to 10th Avenue
& father bought me an iron
cage for shooting.

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Sunday, April 5.

Morning broke snowing fast about two inches having fallen. Occasionally snowed in squalls through the forenoon. Ther. about 34° — 28° — 20° . The sun came out in the middle of the day & thawed the snow all off in the roads & open fields.

Exercised the dogs as usual. In A.M. attended church. In P.M. took a walk up to Fresh pond with father. We took pup. & back.

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Monday, April 6.

Clear but very windy and raw. Ther. about 20° — 36° — 30° .

All the snow that fell yesterday went away to day. Rose as usual and exercised the dogs. All the Swallows that were around Saturday have disappeared. School began at 8 A.M. to day. After lunch R. Deane rode down on horseback & I went off with him. First we rode into the pine woods. Saw about thirty Rusties, & about fifteen Night Herons one of which flew directly over us. There are a few Snow Birds around still. Got off my horse to beat off a dog from pup. & dog ran off. Rath. chased the horse & caught him for me.

Tuesday, April 7.

Cloudy all day. Morning
broke snowing fast; only
about $\frac{1}{8}$ of an inch
having fallen. Snowed
fast till about 2 P.M.
when it turned into rain
& poured till 9 P.M. At
2 P.M. there was about six
inches of damp snow on the
ground. Ther. about -32° -
 -34° — -34° . Rose as usual
& let out the dogs. Took
part of the way home from
school as the snow was over
my shoes. In P.M. made
three bird boxes. The
Blue Birds, Robins, Grackles,
& Song Sparrows are in great
distress running every where
over the surface of the
snow in search of food.
Went up to K's in evening
as usual. Sup. seldom or
never drops a bone in feeding.

Wednesday, April 8.

Clear but very windy.
Hard & more snow late
in P.M. Ther. about
 36° — 40° — 26° .
Rose as usual & exercised
the dogs. After dinner
took my gun & Jack & went
up to the Heron Swamp.
Saw a Snipe going down
the line & met Ther. Then
looked at a fine old Marsh
Hawk through my telescope.
Then into the swamp. Took
down a sitting slight Heron
with each barrel but they
both got off. Then fired
again at one flying. Chased them
over to Block Island. Shot a
Purplish Bl. Saw many Fox
Colors, Snow Birds, & Tree
Sparrows. Cleaned the musket
& double barrel in the evening.
Saw two swallows around my
boxes this morning.

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Thursday, April 9.

Clear but cold for the season. Ther. about 20° - 34° - 24° . Rose as usual & exercised the dogs. When I got back from school had lunch as usual. Then caught a Pigeon & went with to R. Dean's. He also caught one & we let them out in the fields. It took three barrels of shot to kill them all flying. Then into the Heron Swamp saw several Night & then Grt. Blue Herons. Then wound to Block Is. shot a Rusty Blackbird. Then wounded a Grt. Bl. Heron & a flight Heron badly both flying. Saw a Kingfisher. Coming home shot a Robin flying. Took Billy with me. About $\frac{1}{2}$ the ground is covered with snow and

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Flash to ^{Friday, April 10.} ~~Carton~~ ^{also some} ~~my~~ ^{B. shot in.} ~~12 shot in.~~
 Father bought me a small powder & cloudy all day.
 Ther. About 20° - 34° - 32° - $^{\circ}$. Commenced to snow at 9 A. M.
 Snowed all day without ceasing for a moment. By 9 P. M. about eight inches had fallen. Snow very light but did not drift at all. Rose as usual and exercised the dogs. Got dismissed at 11 A. M. & on the way home bought six feet of white wood. After lunch Dan came out and stayed over night. We loafed around all the P. M. In the evening played a copy of games at E. Dodge's table. Several Robins have been sitting all the P. M. huddled up in one Lilac bushes. Plenty of Blue Birds around. Saw a Gl. Crest. Wren.

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Saturday, April 11.

Blue Birds still here.
 Clear and pleasant.
 Ther. about 30° - 50° -
 36° . When I went
 out with Dan after
 breakfast there was
 about 2 inches of snow
 on the ground but
 about $3/4$ of it was
 gone by evening. Rose
 as usual. Dan went in
 to his school at about
 9 A.M. Then took my
 musket and went shooting.
 First down the lane, fired
 at a Sharp Sh. Hawk, saw
 7 or 8. Spr. Snow Birds, W. B. Swallow
 & one Snipe then through in
 the Swamp & into Pine Swamp with
 Ripon. In latter place fired at
 Heron. Then fired at Snipe. Then
 Billy started 2 Woodcock. Shot 1st
 flying, 2nd on snow among
 Apple trees. Then Billy started 2
 more & I knocked them over
 on the wing. Did not miss once.

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Sunday, April 12.

Most of A. M. clear & warm
 with a southerly wind.
 P. M. cloudy & cold.
 Ther. about 40° - 34° - 28° .
 Rose & shaved as usual
 do on Sunday morning.
 After breakfast exercising
 the dogs. Attended church
 in A. M. & Sabbath school
 in P. M. Then took a walk
 up to Mt. Auburn with
 father, taking both dogs.
 J. Nichols overlook us.
 Coming into the yard Billy
 found a piece of bread that
 smell of cheese and eat
 part of it. We doted him
 with both sweet & castor
 oil. Went up to the Nichols
 to tea in the evening.
 Heard a G. Crested Wren
 but they are getting rather
 scarce.

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Monday, April 13.

on the pond

Clear but very windy.

Thur. about 18° -

34° - 28°. April

has been so far very cold & disagreeable.

Ran as usual & exercised the dogs. Walked down to school with Thos.

After lunch went up to the Pt & studied my Greek. Then Thos. & I with John Fookie went up to the pond and got an old boat of Bruce which Thos & I are going to fix up. In the evening

I stuffed my third Woodcock (male) Length from tip of bill to end of tail $11\frac{1}{4}$ inches. From tip of bill to end of middle claw $12\frac{1}{2}$. From tip to tip 18 inches. Saw two White Bellies in our yard.

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Tuesday, April 14.

Clear and warm with a South wind. Thur. about 28° 50° -

40°. Ran as usual and exercised the dogs.

There were hundreds of Swallows around my boxes this morning.

Studied as soon as I got back from school. Then took the market & John & went up to the Heron Swamp. On the way up through the fields fired twice at a Snipe. He started twice down wind. Shot a Robin which John 'retrieved' very creditably. In the Her. Swamp fired three times at Herons (one rising shot). Saw a Fish Hawk in full plumage on the pond. Thought I saw three ducks light on the pond & went nearly around it but they were gone. Got back at 7 P. M.

Studied the 4th Woodcock (female) in evening

Saw a Duck & saw a Fish Hawk also Swallows shot a Woodcock

Wednesday, April 15.

R. Deane shot a Sp. Hawk &
 Clear most of A. M.
 Most of P. M. cloudy
 and did not rain.
 Ther. about 36° - 70°
 5-5°. Rose as usual
 and exercised the dogs.
 Also fed Billy. Walked
 down to school with E. Dodge.
 Thos & the rest & we all
 got late. Coming home
 bought a pound of wrought
 & a pound of finishing nails.
 After lunch R. & I were
 called. Then I went up
 to the 'Ks' & spent the P. M.
 with Thos. talking over
 boat & putting in the
 seat. Went up to the
 'Ks' in evening. We only
 study our Greek out of school
 now. The roads began to
 ring to night. Only a small
 patch of snow & ice remains
 behind our wood shed.

Cow Buntlings are quite numerous.

Thursday, April 16.

Cloudy and very warm.
 Began to rain at 4 A. M.
 & rained most of P. M.
 Ther. about 50° - 70° - 60°.
 Rose as usual and exercised
 the dogs giving Billy a
 few dry pieces of bread.
 Coming home from school
 Thos & I tried to get some
 tar for our boat but could
 not. Spent first part of
 A. M. in making traps for
 ground birds & made about
 twenty. Then went up to
 see A. Deane who was stuffing
 the Hawk shot yesterday.
 On the way up heard a dog
 that we hear in the night in
 summer & found two floating in
 Carter's pond. They were reddish
 green above, red beneath, & long
 as puffing out their throats. Their
 eyes were large & prominent & of
 a yellowish color. I killed all
 the in evening.

Friday, April 17.

Saw the first Chipping.
Cloudy nearly all
day. Ther. about
60° — 72° — 50°.

Rose as usual and
pressed the dogs.

Did not review History
to day & got dismissed
shortly after recess.

Coming up from school
took Mr. Forman's gun
which I think of buying.
Tried to get Butte but he
could not go. Saw several
Savannah Sparrows on lawn & heard
a male sing; then Billy started
a Snipe, then fired twice at a King-
fisher, (first shot a Red Wing flying)
then saw a Swamp Sparrow,
then 4 or 5 Yellow Rumps, then
fired at Mr. Heron, then shot a
snipe flying & missed one, the two
Robins. Saw a Sn. sitting on a hump
perfectly motionless & making a ringing
noise. Saw about 15 C. Geese.
Mosquitoes have begun to bite.

Saturday, April 18.

Clear and a beautiful
day. Very windy in P. M.
Ther. about — 38° — 45° —

34°. Rose at 4 A. M. &
took Jack & the musket.

First up to the Heron Swamp; fired
at a Muskrat; swamps full of Swamp-
Sparrows & singing: Fired at a Heron
sitting & knocked out many feathers.

Then a male Wood Duck lit below
the Apple cellar: Fired at & wounded him.
After firing at him several times
on the pond at last finished

him flying. Coming home shot a
V. Rail on the lawn. Saw Gl. Rd. Coll.
Warblers & Yellow Rumps & heard Cotta
sing. Also a Field Sparrow. Saw
20 Gulls on the pond. At 9 A. M.
went up to Belmont with R. Dean
taking Billy & John in the shooting
wagon. Shot a Robin, 2 White
Bills, & a Woodcock all flying.
Stuffed the Rail in evening.
Saw a Song Sp. with a straw.

Sunday, April 19.

Clear and a pleasant day. Ther. about 50° - 74° - 48° . Rose as usual, shaved, and exercised the dogs. Attended church in A. M. In P. M. took a ride with father to Woburn & saw Mr. Cummings' colts.

R. Deane saw two barn Swallows today. Saw a Robin building in our yard. The grass is everywhere green & the Elm trees & Maples are covered with blossoms.

The lilac buds are bursting open.

The frost is entirely out of the ground.

Wrote in my bird book most of the evening.

Monday, April 20.

Cloudy all day. Ther. about 78° - 44° - 40° . Rose as usual and exercised the dogs.

Walked down to school with J. Russell and got late. Came home through the Square and bought six yards of large size & five pounds of tea. After lunch Wensham came up.

In P. M. stuffed the Wood Duck and while skinning at R. Deane came down and stayed until I had finished. His vacation of a week commences to day. Father bought me a bag of powder. Went up to R's in evening as usual. St. Cont. of Wood Duck pure white back and some kind of an acorn or hazel nut.

Tuesday, April 21.

A. M. cloudy. P. M. clear. Ther. about 40° - 70° - 50°. Rose as usual and fed and exercised the dogs. Walked down to school with J. Russell. Came home by the usual route and fell up a bird box as soon as I had had lunch.

In P. M. skinned four snipe & a Woodcock which I am going to hang up in my room as a bunch of game. H. Henshaw spent the P. M. with me & R. Deane came down. Charles Deane got home from the South this P. M.

In the evening Mr. Deane called. The grass is everywhere of a bright green color & the ~~lilacs~~ buds are fast expanding into leaves.

Wednesday, April 22.

Clear and a beautiful day. Ther. about 40° - 70° - 45°. Rose as usual. Tried to get some tar on the way from school but could not. Ate lunch. H. Henshaw came up. I took Mr. Farnum's gun. Shot a Robin on the lawn. Then shot a Kingfisher in the Heron Swamp & Billy brought it out of the pond. Then Billy pointed a snipe at a very long distance & I fired three & Henshaw one shot at him & killed him at the fourth. Then Billy pointed another snipe which Henshaw missed. Then I heard a Barn Swallow. Then H. shot a Robin & I saw Dan in the cars.

Studied at 8 o'clock in the evening & heard a Quail sing. Shot a White-throat. R. Deane shot a quail probably the last.

Thursday, April 23.

A.M. clear. Moon very
windy. Rained hard
all P.M. Brown as usual
and exercised the dogs.
Ther. about $40^{\circ} - 70^{\circ} -$
 32° . Walked down
to school with J. Russell
and got late. Came
home through the square
and had my hair
cut. After lunch made
a bird box. Then
went up to the Dodges
and met R. Deane
& Mrs. Dexter there.

Played our game but
had most miserably
poor luck. In the
evening studied at the
B's as usual and my
eyes troubled me
very badly.

Friday, April 24.

A clear and beautiful day but cold. Therm about 132° 140° 34° the ground was frozen hard this morning. Got late to school, and my eyes troubled me so much that I was obliged to be dismissed at the end of the first hour. He took mother up to the Hogans, a ^{hearing} pin-eating warbler, then went up to see R Deane and staid with him till 2 P.M. He got rid of Spot today in P.M. rode down to College wharf with Theodore to get some tar but could not. Cleaned Mr. Farnsworth's gun in the evening.

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Saturday, April 25.

and a Barn Swallow (male)
and a *Thryomanes* just
Ther 34 40 36

Cloudy all day began
to rain at about 7 AM
but it soon changed into
snow. Snowed till 2 PM
about an inch and half
fallen. Rose at 3:15 AM
went first up by the pond heard
Red singing in ~~Swamp~~ Swamp, then
up to pine Swamp heard a pair
of "bob white" and started a Wood
~~cock~~ then up to Belmont by the
road and down by the meadows
shot a Swamp Sparrow and a
Red wing, heard a Rub. C. Wren
a Yr. wh. Sparrow & saw two Blue
Swallows. Saw a Kingfisher plunge
into his hole, staid in the old
boat house over an hour to escape
the snow. ~~The~~ pond was covered
with Swallows and the shore with
Y. R. & Y. R. B. Warblers. Shot 4 Robins
2 Crow Black birds a Barn & Y. H. B.
A swallow. got home drunk to
the skin. ~~Sp. H. stuffed a Swamp~~
Ther 34 40 36

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Sunday, April 26.

A. M. Cloudy, P. M.
Clear. Ther about
38 56 40 - Rose
as usual, and exercised
the dog. Billy was
sick this morning and
I gave him three raw
eggs. Attended church
in A. M. as usual. in
P. M. took a walk with
R. Deane up to fresh
pond and saw the Wood
ducks. Saw a number of
Swallows on the pond,
saw several yellow lumps
and yellow red poll
warblers went to bed
about 9 o'clock wrote
to Chas. Coate in
the afternoon.

Mother wrote this
because I had weak legs

Monday, April 27.

Cloudy all day. Began to rain at 8 P. M. & rained hard the rest of the day. Ther. about 132° - 40° - 36° . Rose as usual & exercised the dogs.

Studied at Thos's as soon as I got back from school. After lunch went shooting with R. Deane. First around by 'the pond', Ruth shot a male Kingfisher which Billy brought out of the water.

Then into swamp back of Black's and Billy started seven Quail without pointing them: then found Crow's nest with three fresh eggs: then shot male G. C. ~~Wren~~.

Then shot a female Wood Duck & Ruth wounded the male. Coming down by the swamp saw a Loon flying.

Tuesday, April 28.

Clear and a beautiful day. Ther. about 38° - 56° - 40° .

Rose as usual. Walked down to school with J. Russell. When I got back from school had lunch: then went up to the Russell's and studied my Greek. Then took the shooting wagon and went up to a Crow's nest in Waverly.

R. Deane shot one of the old birds on the wing. Then I climbed the tree & brought down the eggs three in number. Ruth could not find his Crow. Coming home got very near a Sharp Shinned Hawk. Got back at 5:30 P. M. I'm now stuffing the Wood Duck.

Wednesday, April 29.

Cloudy all day but did not rain.
 Ther. about 38° - 56° - 38° . Rose a little early, shaved, & exercised the dogs.
 Walked down to school alone & got late. Watched a M. B. Bat in Dr. Worcester's pond for some time. After lunch studied at the Res. In P. M. took Billy & Jap. out together for the first time.
 Shot three bustards in the Quail Swamp two of which Billy & the third Jap. retrieved. Then into Snipe swamp. Heard a Virginia Rail making singular sounds & shot him; afterwards another both of which Billy retrieved. Met Holdrege & another student.

Thursday, April 30.

Clear and very warm. Ther. about 48° - 16° - 60° . After lunch went up to R. Deane's & we started at 3 P. M. with Billy. Shot eight Snipe in the Belmont meadows three of which R. Deane joined at, at the same time with me & P. M. saw a Bank Swallow & an Upland Plover. Missed about six times. Suppered a good deal from the hat although I wore no vest. Got back at 7:45 P. M. and had to study all the rest of the evening.
 Blue Bird had one egg today & W. B. Swallows building.

Friday, May 1.

Alternately cloudy and clear. Ther. about 44° — 40° — 38° .

Rose as usual and exercised the dogs. Got out of school as usual at 12 M. After lunch Bill took me up to the Belmont meadows. I started a Snipe & fired at him twice. Then crawled on hands & knees up to an Field Plover & shot him with No. 2 at a long range. Then shot a muskrat which Billy fetched out. Then saw a Blk. & White Creeper & a Sp. Lark. Got back at 5.30 P. M. Shot a male Kingfisher. R. to come sawie local Pewee.

In evening stuffed the Plover. Saw a Snow Bird & a Rusty.

Saturday, May 2.

Cloudy all day. Began to rain at 7 A. M. & rained hard all day. Stopped up at sunset. Ther. about 42° — 50° — Rose at 4 A. M. Went into the Snipe Swamp with Jack. Shot three Virginia Rails, one flying. Saw a Bobolink in the Swamp & heard a Bl. Warbler. Shot also as far as I could tell a Snipe. Heard several strange birds in the swamp. Saw both Yl. Red Fl. & Yl. Cr. Warblers. Got back at 4 A. M. & found R. D. came here. Spent most of A. M. in stuffing the Kingfisher & Rails. In P. M. made fifteen stunts. After supper took a ride up by the pond & met R. D. who told me that a male Wood Duck. Saw two muskrat rats.

Sunday, May 3.

Clear and pleasant.
Ther. about 50°—
60°—50°.
Rose as usual.
attended church
in A. M. In P. M.
took a walk with
R. Deane and saw
three Yellow Legs
at the foot of the
lane. J. Nichols
came to tea in the
evening. Saw Y. P. Warblers
& Yk. Rd. P. M. Warblers.
The Morse Chestnut
buds have all burst
open & the leaves are
getting green. The
grass is getting quite
tall.

Monday, May 4.

Clear in A. M. P. M.
cloudy. Ther. about 50°—
70°—50°. Rose at
4 A. M. & went shooting
into the Trife Swamp.
I shot a Virginia Rail
sitting which Jack retrieved.
At the shot a Gadwall duck
rose from the swamp & shortly
afterward a male Bl. Wing Teal
flew over. Heard a White Ey.
Tiger, a Cat Bird & a Maryland
Yellowthroat. Saw a Chimney
Swallow & a Purple Martin.
Got back at 7 A. M. & went
to school as usual. In
P. M. father took me up to the
Belmont meadows in the buggy.
Just as he was taking me in
the field, I shot a Trife which I shot.
I shot two more in the fields on
the lane but saw none in
the Belmont meadows. Fired only
three.

Tuesday, May 5.

Clear and a pleasant day.
 We had no school to day,
 as it was Coll. exhibition.
 Ther. about 50° - 70° - 60°.
 Rose at 4 A. M. and went
 shooting into the Snipe
 Swamp. Shot two Vi.
 Rails (one flying and
 a female Sora. Killed
 Rodgers in the swamp
 & hunted with him
 for some time. He
 shot a Vi. Rail.

Billy picked up two
 birds. Got back at 9 A. M.
 Then up to Waverly in shooting
 wagon with Henshaw. Saw during
 the day Towhees, Br. Thrushes,
 Ch. Tid. Wren, Stark. War.
 Blk. Th. Green War. White
 Thrush & House Wren.

In evening stuffed a ring.
 Plover. Sp. shot this A. M.
 & the Rail

Wednesday, May 6.

Clear and a pleasant
 day. Ther. about 50° -
 60° - 45°. Rose as
 usual and exercised my
 dogs. After lunch studied
 at the B's as usual.
 Then at 3 P. M. took
 Billy and went shooting
 with R. Deane. First half
 around 'the pond' Fired
 at a Kingfisher. Then
 fired at a Cliff Swallow.
 Then shot a Chipping
 Sparrow with one white
 tail feather. Then R. Deane
 shot a Chimney & Barn
 Swallow. Came home
 around 'the pond'.
 R. Deane shot a male
 Blue Yellow Backed Warbler.
 In evening fished the
 Rail stuffed last night &
 stuffed in Chipping.

Thursday, May 7.

Cloudy. Rained most of P. M. Ther. about 50° — 65° — 50°.

Rose as usual.

After lunch in P. M. studied about two hours with Thos.

Then rode down with him and got some tar & tin for our boat. After dinner went up to the pond. Went through the Pine Swamp & saw two Night Herons. I shot a male Carolina Rail flashing him soon after he stopped singing. At least a dozen male Larks were singing in the Snipe Swamp.

Friday, May 8.

A. M. cloudy. P. M. cloudy. Ther. about 34° — 40° — 36°. Had quite a snow storm this morning. Rose as usual and exercised my dogs. After lunch went up to Waverly in the shooting wagon with R. Deane. Went up through the willows & shot a "Hubb" from the wagon and a Robin. Ruth shot a Red Bird & a Blk. & Wh. Creeper. Then fired several times at Cliff Swallows & saw a Snipe. A man accused us of shooting his ducks. Then around into Waltham & shot a male Towhee & a female Warbler unknown to me. Got home at 1 P. M. In evening stuffed the male Rail that I shot last night.

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Saturday, May 9.

Clear and pleasant.
 Ther. about 50° - 66° - 50°
 Rose at 3.30 A. M. & R. Deane
 joined me. He intended to
 dig out a Kingfisher nest but
 could not find the hole. Shot
 two Crow Throats out sported one
Jack. At Belmont crossing
 had a Wh. Thrt. Vireo, in Woods
on the Eastern side first
at Dr. Verrill's, shot small Bl. & Wh.
Creeper, female Tanager, Rabbit,
Solitary Vireo, (heard Wh. Cr. Thrush
 & fired at one), Gray Squirrel,
Wood Thrush (male), Robin,
Blue Br. Grosbeak (young male).
 Then started home across the fields
 shot a female Albino Robin, &
 three Rusties at a shot. Charles Deane
 carried at home. In P. M. stuffed the
Bl. Robin, unknown Warbler, Sol.
Vireo, & Bl. & W. Creeper. In evening
 the je. & r. Robin. R. Deane shot B. Rusty
Tanager, Bl. & Wh. Creeper, Wh. Cr. Thrush
Sol. Vireo, &

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Sunday, May 10.

A. M. warm & pleasant
 P. M. cloudy with East
 wind. Ther. about 50° -
 65° - 50° . Rose as usual
 & shared. Attended church
 in A. M. In P. M.
 took a ride with father
 & just before we started
 Bob Smith called to see
 my dogs & was very much
 pleased by Imp. Jack on
 side saw a King Bird.
 Went over to South Reading
 & coming home saw a
yellow & white Point.
 A lot most of evening
 On the way to church
 heard a Warbling Vireo, all any
 of the birds are opening into
 leaf but the season has been very
 backward. Had asparagus
 to day for the first time.
 The grass is several inches
 high.

Monday, May 11.

Clear but with a breeze, very
wind. Ther. about 42° -
55° - 200. Horse
as usual and exercised
the dogs. Walked down
to school with the.

After lunch Dan came
out & took dinner with
us. Began having dinner
at 3 P. M. to day.

After dinner Dan
& I took Tiger in the
open buggy & taking
B. Leane in ride up
to Waltham where Dan
took the car. Then
ride back with Ruth.
As soon as we got back
father cut the end of
Jup's tail off, spoiling
his good looks. It bled
all the evening. Went
to bed at 9.30 P. M.

Tuesday, May 12.

Clear and a lovely
day. Ther. about 45° -
65° - 42°. Rose at
5.30 A. M. & went
up to the school. Stuffed
my Greek with the
After I got home from
school put up a bird
box & a powder keg.

Then took my blow gun
and shot a male House
Wren. In P. M. stuffed
the Rusty Sewe & Rose Breast
Grosbeak and in the
evening the House Wren.
In the latter part of P. M.
B. Leane came down.
He saw a Rat. & ride
to day. The blue bushes
are covered with leaves & I
saw the first Cherry blossoms
to day. Stuffed during the
afternoon with the window
open.

Wednesday, May 13.

Cloudy all day.
 Began to rain at 3 P.M.
 and rained the rest
 of the day and
 evening. Ther. about
 45° — 50° — 50°
 rose at 5.30 A.M.
 and studied my
 book with Ther.

Read for about an
 hour after getting back
 from school. In P.M.
 practiced with my
 gun, and shot
 some of my birds.

In the evening, stuffed
 the male Hooded Merganser
 shot Saturday.

Thursday, May 14.

Clear. Ther. about 45° —
 70° — 60°. Rose as
 usual and exercised
 the dogs; attended school
 as usual. After lunch
 took Tiger and had a
 horse-drawn ride through
 Belmont, Waverly,
 Lexington, & W. Chatham.
 Saw members of Nat. Order
 & watched a Mairie Winks
 for some time. Heard
 a Bittern in the low
 willows. I was open
 a bush Downy Woodpecker's
 hole but it contained
 nothing. Saw a Woodchuck.
 Got back at 6.30 P.M.
 Saw Father come in
 and spent about an hour
 with me. Put up a
 bird box.

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Friday, May 15.

Cloudy all day. Did not rain much in A.M. but poured all the afternoon. Had a return of the weak side that I had last spring & was obliged to ride down to school. Rode home also. Saw several Hum. Birds and watched a male chasing a Chipping Sparrow. In P.M. rode down to the Fort and bought twelve ~~trap~~ boxes six of which I brought home in my buggy. Then went to the Gas House and got a bottle of turp. Saw a boat there. Wish I think of buying one. Pack my gun & go sick to town.

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Saturday, May 16.

Cloudy, rained several times: Therm. 60 - 50 - 50 - 50. Rose at 5.30 A.M. R. Deane working me by throwing pebbles against my window. Immediately rose and took tiger in the stouter wagon. Rode first up into Walther's where I shot a rabbit. Then over the river both shot deer and Prairie Hares. I shot a male in trapping Harbors. & R. a female taken in the act of building her chamber Harbors. Then into Lexington; I shot a Rose's Yellow Throat (male) and Eyed Vireo (spotted him), two male Gl. Br. Thrushes (spotted one). J. P. shot a male H. Br. Grosbeak. Then down through Belmont shot a male "Belted" in the "Willow". Watched him for some time before I fired. In P.M. evening stuffed the two ~~Yellow Throat~~ ^{Yellow Throat} ~~in the~~ ^{in the} ~~river~~ ^{river}.

Sunday, May 17.

A.M. clear. P.M.
clouds with East wind.
Ther. about 60° - 75° -
 50° . Rose as usual
and exercised the
dogs. Attended
church as usual.
In P.M. rode up
to Concord with
father & saw the
Frenches. On the
way up saw a
female Red Start.
Jack was very sick
to day and drank
a great deal of water.

Monday, May 18.

the Bittern this morning.

Cloudy and rained
most of the day.

Ther. about 50° - 60° -
 50° . Rose as usual

& let out my dogs.
Rode down to school
as my side is rather
weak. Studied as soon
as I got home from
school & Jim Crosswell
studied with us.

In P.M. stuffed the
male Bittern as far
as putting in the eyes.
Then went down to the
Gas House with R. Deane
& bought a bowl for

\$10.00. The pear trees are in
full blossom also the plum &
peach trees. The apple trees are
covered with leaves & it is
impossible to see through the
hedge chestnut & beech trees
which were the leaves Jack
is about the same. Finished

Tuesday, May 19.

Poor Jack is very weak.
 & windy but did not
 rain. Ther. about
 55° — 65° — 50°.

Rose as usual and
 exercised the dogs.

Walked down to report
 with Thos. & Ed.
 Studied immediately after
 lunch which I had
 at 2 P.M. Then took
 my wagon & with E.
 Lee & R. Deane, rode
 up to Belmont. On the
 way up called in to see
 Bruce & arranged about
 mending our boat there.
 Then went into Mr. Ch.
 Deane & saw his & friend
 sheep. Got some dog tooth
 violets at Waverly.
 R. Deane climbed up to
 what we thought was a
 "Kowak's nest". One of my
 Swallow's had in egg.
 Father gave Jack some brandy.

Wednesday, May 20.

Jack died at about
 1 P.M.

Cloudy all day. Began
 to rain at about 2 P.M.
 & rained hard the rest
 of the day. Ther. about
 50° — 60° — 40°.

Rose as usual and,
 exercised the dogs. Visited
 Jack who was very
 weak. Also cut the holes
 in some bird boxes.

Went in to see Jack when
 I got back from school
 and found him dead.
 In P.M. went down to
 the Far Horn and brought
 our boat up in the day
 rigging. The blossoms
 are falling off the
 cherry trees. The pear
 trees are nearly all out.

Thursday, May 21.

Saw a Hummer very bright.

Cloudy all day. Rained hard most of the time. Ther. about 50° - 55° - 52° . We have had so much water lately that all the meadows are flooded. Froze as usual and increased the logs. Got quite wet going down to school.

Rode home as it was raining very hard. After lunch studied about two hours at the Russells. Then William & I buried Dick under the apple tree. Mr. Deane came down while we were burying him. Also made a bird box. Rained most of the evening. Some of the apple trees are blossomed out & the hickory trees are getting green.

Friday, May 22.

All. cloudy & rained a good deal. Ther. about 50° - 70° - 50° . Chased off at about 2 P.M. and we had the first pleasant afternoon that we have had for a long time. Froze as usual. Got dismissed at 11. Jim. Crosswell & Waring came up with me and we rode up to Thackerly in the shooting wagon. Got a number of vireos & found a Sp. Sandpiper's with one egg & a Song Sparrow with four. Then on to the Millpond. Heard a Hawk & a Common Rail & saw a Virginia Rail. Found a Chickadee's with seven eggs which we took home. Temp & all. Got back at 3.30 P.M. In P.M. fixed on boat with R. came. Put up four boxes.

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Saturday, May 23.

Cloudy & rained the greater part of the day. Rose at 4 A.M. & found R. Leane waiting for me. We called on Mr. R. & got off in the wagon. Frank tied the horse in a pine grove in Waltham. I shot three Blk. Poll Warblers, an albino Field Sparrow (a male known as white tail, either) a pinon Field Sparrow, & a female. Leane found a Field Sparrow's nest with 4 fresh eggs. Then went on to a quarry. Here I shot a King Bird, a Scarlet Tanager (male) a Marsh Wren (female), a Redstart (female), & a Red Eyed Vireo, female. Found a Crow's nest with 4 young & brought two home but they died on the way. R. Leane saw & fired at a Cowbird. Then, a Blk. Thr. Blue Warb. & a Thr. Lovers. Saw an Indigo Bird.

On P.M. & evening, stuffed the Red Tail Field Sparrow, Black. Thr. & the male Blk. Poll.

1868

Sunday, May 24.

Cloudy & rained most of the day. Then, about 5:00 - 5:50 - 5:59. Attended church in A.M. as usual. In P.M. took a walk with R. Leane up around the pond & saw a female Blue Yellow Backed Warbler.

1868

Monday, May 25.

Cloudy as usual and
rained a number of times.
We are having a remarkable
long spell of dull weather.
Rose as usual. After breakfast
took my wagon & called for J.
Crosswell. We rode first up
to the Willows where I shot
a male Delapfield, a female Blue
Yellow Backed Warbler & a Wilson's
Black Cap. Saw a Warner
Sparrow & a Virginia Rail
building. Then up the road
about $\frac{1}{2}$ of a mile & across towards
Lexington. Saw a Woodcock
with three young one of
which I took. Got back at
about 2 P. M. P. M. P. M. Stuffed
the Blue Yl. Back, the female Delapfield
(shot Saturday) the Delapfield, & the
young Woodcock. In the evening
stuffed the Red Eyed Vireo (shot Sat)
& saw E. Dodge in reference to
to mosquito incense.

1868

Tuesday, May 26.

Cloudy & rained most of the day
Rose at 4.30 A. M. and
went shooting with E. Dodge
in the wagon. First led
the horse on the hill near
the Mattheus farm woods & went
into the woods near the Willows.
Shot a female Chestnut Tity,
& a female White Eyed Vireo. Found
over a stump & got five eggs. Then
it shot the male Delapfield, but
spilled him. Coming back to the
wagon found a Towhee with two
& saw a Delapfield building. Then
on the side Mattheus. Found
a Swamp Sparrow with four fresh.
Then into Lexington. Then down
through the Willows & shot a female
Ch. Yellowthroat. Found
a Swamp Sparrow with five &
shot the old bird. In P. M. stuffed
Sc. Sanager & King Bird shot Sat. also
female White Eye & female Thicket
Sided Warbler.

1863

Wednesday, May 27.

Fri. - part of A. M. cloudy
& misty. Cleared off at
about 10 A. M.

Thur. about 50° - 70
65°. Rose as usual.

Trained the dogs for about
an hour. Then took my
blow gun & spent several
hours in the garden firing
at small birds. At last
shot a female Warbling Vireo.

Then stuffed the female
Maryland Yellow Throat shot
yesterday and skinned
a White Eyed Vireo (female
shot yesterday). In P. M.
went up to the old Sisk's
nest in Haverly, with Ruth.
& got five eggs of which I had
three. Then rode down to
arrange about Henshaw's
going eggging to morrow.

In evening attended the trials
at the Hyman's and was
introduced to Oliver Parker.

1863

Thursday, May 28.

First part of A. M. cloudy
Rest of day clear & beautiful.
Rose at 5 A. M. & and H. Henshaw
waiting for me. Had Tiger
harnessed and rode over to
Stanhams. First found a Blue
Jay's with five rather fresh eggs.
Then shot a male Indigo Finch.
Then went up to a high rocky
hill & shot a night Hawk flying.
Saw a pair of White throats
& fired at one. Got a number of
violets. Then down to the shore
of Spot Pond & found a Wood
Thrush's nest in a pine tree &
containing three eggs, the female
bird newly finished, there was a
Coopers Hawk's with five about
5 days old. The bird flew off when
we got under the tree. Then shot a Blue
Th. Green, a male Chest. Side, &
another Night Hawk. Coming back
through Woburn got home at 2 P. M.
A. M. M. stuffed the Indigo Bird
& Warbling Vireo.

1868

Friday, May 29.

A. M. clear. P. M.
cloudy. Ther. about
60° — 70° — 65°.

Rose as usual and
exercised the dogs after
breakfast. Then stuffed
a male Night Hawk
shot yesterday & also
a male Blk. Thr. Green
Warbler. Was just finishing
the latter when Dan
came. Started at 3 P. M.
& rode up to Concord
with him. Put the
horse in the stable of
the Chandler's Hotel.
Read and talked most
of the evening.

1868

Saturday, May 30.

The first ~~cloudy~~ day that
we have had for some
time. Ther. about 50° — 60°
60°. A. M. cloudy. Rained
hard in the latter part
of P. M. Got up at 10 A. M.
& carried Dan's grandfather
to the depot. Then took the
boat and sailed up to
Fairhaven Bay. Found a
Phoebe's nest fastened on a
rock and ready for the eggs.
Found seven or eight Red
Wings' nests containing more
or less eggs all fresh. Went
ashore & Dan shot a Bl. Thrush.
Grosbeak with my gun. Found
a ~~both~~ Owl's nest in a
Woodpecker's hole with 4 young
& the old Owl — a red one — one.
Took two young ones. Took
a young crow also from
its nest containing 5. Rode
about Concord in P. M. Dan
stuffed his Grosbeak in the evening.

1868

Sunday, May 31.

Clear and ~~it~~ first
pleasant day that we
have had for some
time. Ther. about 60° -
72° - 65°. Rose at
about 5 A.M. In A.M.
walked down to the
river & saw several
Wilson's Black Cops and
quantities of Black Poll
Warblers. At 2 P.M.
got my horse & came
home. Dan riding down
to Walden with me.

Here I took a bath and
saw some large Duck
or Loon swimming
in the pond. Got home
to Cambridge at about
6 P.M. & brought my
Cows & Cow with me.
The water in Walden
was quite warm.

1868

Monday, June 1.

Clear and a lovely day.
Ther. about 70° - 75° -
70°. Rose as usual and
exercised the dog. Walked
down to report with
the boys. H. Henshaw
came up from school
with me & we took lunch
together. Then rode over
to Stonham and took
the Humming Bird's
nest found Thursday.
It contained two fresh
eggs. Found a Humming
Bird's nest building and
that a fine male Whip
poor Will ⁽⁶⁴⁾ ^{was} heard a ^{few} ^{times}
Yank took several times.
Got back at 7 P.M. The
sinden trees are covered with
foliage as are also the maple,
willows, horse chestnut & apple
trees. The grass is about up
to the high & everything is
green.

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Tuesday, June 2. *Indigo* *Indigo*

Saw a red start building in a
 tree and a beautiful
 day. Ther. about
 66° 66° 66°

Rose at 5.30 A.M.
 & studied with Thos.
 Saw a Conn. Warbler in
 our evergreens. After

I got home from school
 stuffed the male Whip-
 poor-Will shot yesterday.

R. Dean got home from
 Portland this A.M. with
 a Mourning Warbler &c.

After dinner went up
 to the swamp with Billy
 Found a Vir. Rail with six
 took them, Swamp Sp. with four
 took them, Vir. Rail & took them,
 Vir. Rail & large young in egg, took
 one, Car. Rail & took them with
 the nest. Billy pointed about
 a dozen times at Rails &
 also at a nest of young
 Robins.

1868

Wednesday, June 3.

Clear and a most lovely
 day. Ther. about 48°
 66° 56°

Rose at 5.30 A.M. and
 shaved myself. Then
 went up to the Russell's &
 studied about an hour.
 Went down to Henshaw's
 after school and went out
 on the marsh with him
 to get a Least Sandpiper to stuff,
 but saw none. Shot a Sharp-
 tailed Finch. Got home to
 dinner at 3 P.M. Started at
 5 P.M. for the Swamp with
 prop. Found a Vir. Rail with
 4 fresh, took 4, a Swamp Sp.
 with two ver. handsome eggs
 took them; a Car. Rail with
 7, took them; & a Chy. Gt. Shrike just
 finished. Saw a Wood Duck
 & a foot in the Swamp the
 latter of which must have
 had eggs.

Thursday, June 4.

Clear and a beautiful day. Wind East.

Ther. about 45° - 65°

50°. Rose at 6 A.M.

& studied at the R's.

After I got back from school stuffed the Sh.

Tailed Finch shot

yesterday. Then rode

up to Mattham with

E. Lodge & J. Crowell.

Searched first for the Ants

found about a week ago but

a Col. & Jim were called to

remove the horse we could not

find it. Then got the Helophila

with three eggs; no birds around.

Had some difficulty in finding

the team again. Came down

through the Willows & found

a Virginia Rails' containing

10 eggs. I shot a Short Billed

Marsh Wren

Friday, June 5.

Cloudy. Rained all P.M. Ther. about 40° - 50° - 45°.

Rose as usual and exercised the dogs.

Came home from school & bought a pound

of White lead putty. After

dinner is over I came down

down & we put the putty

& tar on our boat

The apple tree blossoms

are now coming off.

Several canker worms

were seen on our trees today.

The grass in some places

has nearly got its growth.

The pear trees have shed

this blossoms & the curculios

& cheries are getting quite

large.

Saturday, June 6.

A. M. cloudy. P. M.
clear but very warm. Ther.
about 60° - 80° - 70° .
Mr. Henshaw woke me at
4 A. M. by throwing pebbles
against my window. Got
Bill up & had the horse
harnessed. Rode over to
Stonham. Cut off the limb
of our Hum. Bird's nest but
both the eggs rolled out & smashed.
Then got a Downy, with four.
Then drove a little further
on & shot a female Sc. Tan. Then
took lunch & a swim. Then across
to Lexington. Found a double
Yl. Bird, & Br. Thrush, two;
& a Prairie Warbler just finished.
Came down through the Willows.
Found a Swamp Sp. four rotten
eggs & shot a male Th. Bl. War.
When flying. Got back at 5 P. M.
Stuffed Sc. Tan. & Mar. Wren.

A Black Poll Warbler was seen.

Sunday, June 7.

Cloudy all day & rained
a number of times.
Ther. about 70° - 55° -
 52° . Rose as usual, showered,
& exercised the dogs.
In A. M. attended church
as usual and found it
very hot & uncomfortable.
In P. M. R. Deane came
down and I went up
with him. Wrote a
letter to Dan. in the
evening. Kankar weasels
are getting thick.

Monday, June 8.

A. M. cloudy. P. M.
 clear and pleasant.
 Ther. about 50° -
 70° . 66°. Rose at 6
 A. M. and studied
 about thirty minutes at
 the B. not late to school
 in A. M. At 4 P. M.
 started for the swamp
 with Billy. Wore old
 pants & shoes & took the
 musket. Walked all the
 P. M. up to the point in
 water. Shot a Blue Winged
 Teal which was the only
 thing that I got a shot at.
 Billy was rather dull
 & slow. Found several
 Swamp Sparrows. Got three
 Swamp Sparrows' eggs &
 a Maryland G. Thrush.
 Sam is not found the
 other day. Took J. Nichols
 to ride late in P. M.

Tuesday, June 9.

A. M. clear & very
 warm. P. M. cloudy
 & had a thunder shower.
 Ther. about 52° - 76° -
 66° . Rose at 6.4. P. M. I
 studied about an hour
 at the B. M.
 Walked down to school
 with the boys & we all got
 late. Had lunch as soon
 as I got back from
 school & then went in to
 see Mr. Samuels carrying
 in my so called & injured
 which he decided was the
 young of the same animal.
 1st. Thrush. Bought the 1st
 of them at Biscoster's.
 As soon as I got home
 set to work on the Blue
 Winged Teal shot yesterday.
 Finished him at about 9.30
 P. M.

Wednesday, June 10.

Clear and quite cool,
in fact one of the pleasant
days that we have had
to for this spring.

Ther. about 60° - 65° -
 66° . Rose at 5.40 A.M.
and studied about an
hour at the R's.

When I got back from
school studied about two
hours at the R's. Had my
feet for dinner & found it
excellent. After dinner took
Bill & with Ruth took my
boat up to the pond. First
harnessed in the General
but he ran away & broke
the gear so we took Tiger
quilt and went up all
right. The boat leaked so
that we could not go out
in it. Came home & went
on top of the Catholic steps.

Then went up to the pond
& took a row in Theo's boat.

Thursday, June 11.

Cloudy all day.

Began to rain at 12 M.
& rained hard all the
rest of the day.

Ther. about 60° - 65° -
 50° . Rose only in time
for breakfast & father
had to exercise my
dogs for me. Went
into Boston from school.

Went first to father's
office. Then went to Perkins
eating house & had some
roiled pork & green peas.

Then went to Mr. Stearns
& had a tooth refilled: the
old filling had been done by
Dr. Cottins. Then went
down to the bird store &
bought a bird trap. Got
home at 6 P.M. Studied
at the R's in the evening.
The birds have all shed their
plumage. The young Robins of
the first brood can now fly as well
as their parents.

Friday, June 12. ^{birds in the}

Mr. Dexter called to see my

Cloudy & rained most
of the time. Ther.

about 50° — 62° —

55°. Rose as usual

& exercised the dogs.

Walked down to school
alone and got late.After I got home had
lunch. Then Hershaw
came up & went with
me to the Prairie Warblersfound last Saturday, but
found that it was only
a Yl. Warbler; took one. Thenfound a Br Thrush, one I took
it. Then a Bl. Bill Cuckoo's

two broken. Br Thrush, five;

took two. Shot a female Pine
Cup. Warbler but spoiled her.Came almost directly home
as it was raining fast
but found nevertheless aP. Cup. Warbler (probably) just
finished & another nest that

may prove a W. Br. Chat.

Saturday, June 13.

Clear but rather warm.
Ther. about 60° — 70° —
60°. Rose at 5 A.M.
and found Ruth
waiting for me.Took Tiger and started
getting off at about 6
A.M. Put up the horse
at Chener's. Found
a Red Eye, three; an
Indigo Bird, making;& Maryland Yl. Thr. ditto.
I shot two & R. two Hawks
with my horse pistol. I also
shot a male Yl. Warbler &
found the nest, a double one.I then rode on through the
Willows, shot a Redwing with
pistol, and took our lunch
at a brook in Lexington.
Then started for home & on
the way found a Prairie
Warbler (probably), nearly
finished.

1868

Sunday, June 14.

Clear & a beautiful day. Had a heavy thunder shower last night. Ther. about 65° — 80° — 62° .

Rose as usual.

attended church in A. M. In P. M. went up & spent about three hours with R. I came and afterwards took a ride with father into and around Mt. Auburn. Wrote most of evening.

1868

Monday, June 15.

Clear and a most lovely day with a strong West wind.

Ther. about 70° — 82° .

68° . Rose at 6.15 A. M.

and studied about half an hour at the Ps'.

When I got back from school studied two hours at the Ps'. Then had dinner. After dinner took my musket & Billy & went up to the swamp wearing shoes instead of boots. Went through the entire swamp but did not get a shot at anything. Went to a Maryland Yl. Thistle found last week with two eggs, but it was empty. Saw a King Bird's nest built about six feet above the surface of the water. Sat on the piazza most of the evening.

1868

Tuesday, June 16.

Clear and pleasant.
Thur. about 70° - 75°
 65° . Rose a little
early & shined. Walked
down to school alone
& got late. Had lunch
as soon as I got home.
Then went up around
alt. c. burn. Found
first an Olive Sided
Flycatcher's with three,
built in an apple tree,
but in trying to get the
nest down with a pole,
tipped it over & broke
all the eggs. Then found
a nest in a Spruce pine
exactly where I found
one last year; it contained
two egg of which I took one.
Borning him, met father,
& took a ride with him
through Waverly. Brought
to bear in my cases in the
evening to drive out the bugs.

1868

Wednesday, June 17.

A. M. cloudy, rained
several times. P. M.
clear but cool.
Thur. about 70° - 80°
 65° . Rose
at 6 A. M. and rode
up to the Ol. Sided Fly.
found yesterday. The
birds were both there, &
the male dashed around
my head, snapping his bill
fizzily, but the nest only
contained the one egg, left
yesterday. Took the 11.15
A. M. train for & returned
with father & mother.
In P. M. we all rode
over to North Andover.
Got home at about
8 P. M. & went up to the
B's to study but Fred
was engaged. Brought
down the 'ponies' & studied
alone.

1868

Thursday, June 18.

A.M. cloudy. P. M.
clear. Rose at 6 A.M.
and studied about
twenty minutes with
Geo. Then took Liger
& rode up to the
Flycatcher's nest. She
was sitting on one egg
which I took after
shooting the bird.

Got back at 7.30 A.M.
In A.M. stuffed the
O. L. shot this morning
taking considerable pains
with her. Took the
2.30 express train for
Springfield, with mother.
We arrived there at 6 P.M.
the train stopping only
at three places. After
supper mother & I took a
walk of about two
miles.

1868

Friday, June 19.

^{Went in P.M. from home & from the}
^{car to a Black Duck start from}
Chas and by far the ^{her nest.}
hottest day that we have
had yet. Ther. about
70° - 85° - 80°

Rose at about 7.30 A.M.
& found Ruth in the entry
of the Massasoit House
where we were stopping, &
Mr. Deftor having arrived
there last night at 12.

They took breakfast with us &
then took the 8 A.M. train
for Northampton. After breakfast
I walked out of the city &
across the toll bridge; and
then about three miles along
the straight road. Then turned
into the woods & searched for
eggs some time but found only two
Red Birds which out of disgust
I took. Then took a path in a small
stream. Saw several Orchard Orioles
but although I had the horse pistol
in my bag, I did not dare
to fire at them as they were on the

birds of the town

Saturday, June 20.

Clear and even warmer than yesterday.

Thur. about 80° - 97° - 85° . Rose as usual after breakfast rode down to the Port & after going to a laundry after ~~Wensham~~, found him upon coming back to our house. Then rode over to Stonham with him but it was so hot that we walked the horse most of the way. First found a R. Eye with 4 far advanced, & a Wood Pewee's with two fresh.

Then drove down to the pond. Found a Red Eye just finished & saw what must be a Solitary King building. Then took a swim. Then rode on & got a Night Hawk's which was laid on the bare ground. Took lunch in a shed where we got some very cold water. Got back at 6 P.M.

Sunday, June 21.

Cloudy and rained all day. Thur. about 78° - 68° - 60° . Rose as usual and shaved. Then exercised the dog & got so warm in disciplining J up. that I did not go to church. Spent most of the A.M. with my birds & in cleaning & arranging my eggs. In P.M. B. Deane called and stayed several hours. The canker worms have nearly all disappeared.

Monday, June 22.

Cloudy & mild most
of the day. Ther. about
52° - 60° - 54°.

Rose at 5.30 A.M. &
studied with Theo.

When I got back
from school had lunch.

Then went up to the
pond with R. Lane
and after taking out our
boat we rowed across
the pond. This was my
first row in the boat &
I like it very much.

I rolled for pictures
& caught on of a boat
half a pound's weight.
R. Lane picked down
three Chimney Swallows
with a pole. Got in at
about 7 P.M. Studied
about two hours in
the evening.

Fall is begun to move today.

Tuesday, June 23.

A. M. cloudy. P. M.
clear. Ther. about
55° - 70° - 62°.

Rose as usual and
exercised the dogs.
After I got back from
school had lunch as
usual and then went

up to the pond with
Theo. & E. Dodge. Went
across in Theo's boat &
went in swimming at
some ice houses on the other
side. Then left the boat &
dove into the middle of
the Pine Swamp. Found
two Green Herons' nests with
young. Came directly home &
then rode up there taking my light
gun. Shot the pair of one of the
nests & took one of the young
chick of the male 'hough', of
female 'hough' from 'hough' from.
Got back at 8 P.M. & read
most of evening.

Wednesday, June 24.

A.M. clear. Most of
P.M. do. Ther. about
60° — 65° 66°.

Rose at 5 A.M. &
studied at the B's.

Discovered that nearly
all my birds were
infested with grubs.

When I got back from
school took out all my
birds. In P.M. stuffed
the male Green Heron
shot yesterday. In latter
part of P.M. father & I
put a lighting all around
my case & in the
evening father fumigated
it with sulphur. Studied
at B's in the evening.

All the Swallows & most
of the Wrens have young.

The yard is almost filled
with young Bobolinks.

Thursday, June 25.

Clear & warm but with
a good breeze. Ther
about 62° — 80° —

70°. Rose as usual
& exercised the dogs.

Walked down to school
with the boys. When I got
back from school went
up to the B's & studied about
twenty minutes. Then
went to work on the
female Green Heron shot
Tuesday & got her eyes in
before dinner. After dinner
finished her. Went up to
the pond just at sunset
and worked for about an
hour. Got back at 9 P.M.
lopping some lime at
the beaver's. Saw hoppers
if fire flies for the first
time this year.

Friday, June 26.

Clear & a most lovely day. Ther. about 62°-78° — 70°. There are only a very few cucumber worms remaining. We got in nearly all our hay to day. Woke at 4 A.M. intending to go fishing with Theo. but as my cold troubled me, I gave it up.

Pigeons as usual and exercised the dogs.

Got diminished at recess.

A Purple Martin came into our yard & went to several of my boxes but the Swallows drove him off.

For P.M. went up to the pond & fixed our boat.

While there Mr. Defton came up. Came home at about 7 P.M.

Saturday, June 27.

Clear but very warm. Ther. about 70°-88° 68°. Rose at 5 A.M. & found Thursham waiting. Got off at about 5.30, taking the General as Tiger was needed for haying. First went to the Ind. Birds, & Mar. W. Thrush, which R. Deane & I found two weeks ago and got three eggs from the former but found the latter gone.

Then got a King Bird's with 4. Found a Ph. Bl. Mar. Wren building. Searched the Willow Meadows. Then up into Lincoln: Saw a Woodcock, & found an empty Red Eye. Then down into Lee. & took dinner. Found a Chrt. Lark Warbler with one deserted egg & another one empty. Got a Parrot in a cellar with five fresh eggs.

Got back at 5 P.M. Then went up & painted my boat & took a swim.

1868

Sunday, June 28.

Clear & rather cool.
 Ther. about 60° - 70° -
 60° . Then as usual
 & shaved. In A.M.
 attended church. In
 P.M. took pup. up
 to 'the pond' and also
 pushed the bow of our
 boat into the water but
 it still leaked a little.
 Got back at about 5 P.M.
 Then took a ride with father
 & mother into old Auburn
 and up around Fresh pond.
 In the evening wrote
 to Charlie Carter. The
 cherries are ripening
 fast.

1868

Monday, June 29.

Clear & a beautiful day.
 Ther. about 65° - 75° -
 68° . Rose at 5.30 A.M.
 & studied at the P.S.
 Walked down to school
 alone & got late.
 We had short hours
 to day as on Fridays & it
 dismissed at the beginning
 of the last hour. After
 luncheon Chenthan came up
 and we rode over to Stockton
 taking the "rural". Got a
 Red Eye with 4 nearly
 fresh eggs. Then went up
 to a nest which I found on
 the 20th but it proved to be only
 a Red Eye. Fished for Pickrel
 but caught none. Saw a pair
 of Solitary Larks. Male while
 with his mate, uttered a note like
 the creaking of a sign board. Female
 chattered exactly like a H. Thr. L.
 Lark. Got back at 6.30 P.M.

Tuesday, June 30.

Clear and a beautiful day. Ther. about 62° - 75° - 65°. Rose at 5.30 A.M. and studied at the Ps'. When I got back from school had some lunch. Then went up to 'the pond' with R. Dean taking Billy. Made the circuit of the pond and landed once on the other side. When we came back across the pond it was quite rough. Ther. were carrying away the last remnants of the Indians boat house. Got back at 5.45 P.M. & taking the General in father's buggy we went down & saw the boats go out at the float. Then went up & took G. Nichols out to ride.

Wednesday, July 1.

Clear but rather warm. Ther. about 65° - 80° - 65°. Rose at 6 A.M. and studied at the Ps'. Walked down to school with Sam & E. Lodge & we all got late. Had nearly 400 lines of Virgil & two pages of Milo. Finished our Greek review to day. Had most of the time before dinner. After dinner made some red, blue, green, varnish, for painting over. At 6 P.M. went up to Dr. Aborn's with father ~~talking~~ carp. can behind. Dr. Aborn was not at home. Came back over Willington Hill. Tried to make pup go into 'the pond' but he would not. Went to bed at 9 P.M.

Thursday, July 2.

This Bates called to see my birds in the evening.
 Clear & very hot. Ther.
 about 74° - 88° - 75° .
 It was our exhibition
 day but I did not go.
 I was mentioned with the
 rest of the class for all our
 studies. Rose at 4 P.M.
 & went up to the R.S. Got
 Joe Russell and went
 up to 'the pond' fishing.
 I rowed in my boat almost
 around 'the pond' Joe
 catching two rather small
 pickered. Then he took the oars
 & I caught quite a large one.
 Got back at 7.30 P.M. Examined
 my birds & found them full of grubs
 in spite of the sulphur. At about
 1 P.M. went over to Storvick
 with E. Dodge taking pup. First
 got a Red Eye's nest, 4 eggs. Ed.
 marked them in his box. Then went in
 swimming. Then on to Tavern: took lunch.
 Rowed round the pond taking pup.
 Found a Red Eye's on a white pine.
 Got back at 7 P.M.

Friday, July 3.

Clear and the hottest
 day that we have had.
 Ther. about 86° - 94°
 88° . Rose at 6 A.M.
 & at two pages of Cicero
 at the R.S. First hour recited
 one or two lines of Virgil
 which I had not looked
 at. Then learnt four pages
 of Cicero in the dressing room
 with Thos. Got out at about
 1 P.M. after having recited
 our Cicero. After I got home
 made some lemonade and
 then went to sleep. Then
 Farrar called and stayed
 about an hour. After dinner
 went up to 'the pond' with
 Walter Beam and rowing
 across in my boat we went in.
 After I got back to Bruce's found
 that I had lost my key & went
 back across the pond after it but
 could not find it. Got back
 at 7 P.M.

Saturday, July 4.

The Robins were flying over to the swamp!

Clear but the hottest day that we have had. Ther. about 50° - 100° & 85° . Rose at 6 A.M. and rode up to the pond in my wagon taking Billy. Put a brass padlock on my boat. After breakfast B. Deane called and went first down to Mr. Dexter's rooms where I got a ticket to the steamer Alert. Then we rode down to the bridge. We had to wait nearly an hour for the boat to start. First single then double vent race then six oared then four oared. Then went to Ruth's grandfather's & took dinner: then down to the common & saw a tight rope performance. Got out at 5 P.M. At 7 P.M. rowed across the pond with

Mr. Deane & Mr. Deane & went
to Mr. Deane's.

Sunday, July 5.

Clear but extremely hot. We are now having a hot drought. Ther. about 80° - 90° & 80° . Rose as usual. After breakfast wrote a letter to Dan. Studied about an hour before dinner. After dinner studied most of the afternoon. Toward evening went out & walked around the garden. The currants are budding and the strawberries are beginning to decline. All the meadows have blown except one broad. Heard a Robin singing this evening.

1868

Monday, July 6. evening

Fumigated my birds in the
 Clear but very cool.

Thur. about

68° - 70° 60°

Rose at 6 A.M. &
 went up to the R^s
 and studied about a
 half an hour on the
 Greek. As soon as
 we got to school Mr.

Bradbury gave us our
 Greek paper, containing
 twenty questions, eight
 of which however we
 omitted off. Got out
 at 12 o'clock. Being the
 last one. Left only one
 question unanswered.

After I got back from
 school looked over my
 birds. After dinner went
 over to Newton with father
 & saw Bob. Smith's puppies.
 Came down through
 Brighton & saw Barnes.

1868

Tuesday, July 7.

Also got my Virgil paper for me. average
 A. M. clear. P. M. cloudy

& rained about an hour.

Thur. about 68° - 80°

70°. Rose at 6 A.M.

& studied about an hour
 for the Virgil paper.

Got late to school. Went
 to work on my paper
 almost immediately but was
 the last to get through.

After lunch at about 12
 o'clock started shooting taking
 my musket and Billy. First
 down to the pond. Put one of the
 rowlocks into my boat. Shot
 a female Red Wing & missed another
 then into the high swamp. Shot
 a Red Wing, could not find him,
 then two Blackbirds, found him,
 & missed another Red Wing. Then into
 covert on other side; fired five times
 at Woodcock & knocked feather out.
 Billy made some handsome points.
 Fell in up to my neck. Heard several
 Carolina Parakeets singing. Frank & Funch
 Henry came to day.

Wednesday, July 8.

Cloudy all day. ~~Misted~~ in the first part of a. m. 70°-80° — 65°. Rose as usual & found Frank up. After breakfast had Ties harnessed and rode first up to Mr. Payson's with Frank letting pup. run behind the wagon. Then up through Wallham & down by Chumers where we tied the horse & looked over the stock. Coming down through lower Belmont saw to the Bill sing & saw a large flock of Robalins, the male climbing but every now and then, one or another of them would sing. Got back at 12 M. & had lunch. Then I went up to see R. Deane. After dinner Frank & I went up to the pond. I rowed around the pond & he trailed with my spoon. Went in at the wharf. Read most of evening.

Thursday, July 9.

Cloudy and misted most of the day. Ther. about 65°-60°-65°.

Rose as usual. After breakfast rode first over to the rope walk with Frank & saw them make ropes.

Then rode on to the Reservoir and went about half way around it.

Then over through Christma Hills and down through Norton & Watertown. Got back at 12.30 P. M.

Loafed round till dinner time. After dinner went up to the pond with Frank and rowed till 7. Made a good paddle from an old spoon. ~~was~~ and took it up with me. Found Ferris & Crowell in possession of my oars. Read most of the evening.

1868

Friday, July 10.

Clear and quite warm.
 Ther. about 70° — 80°
 70° — 80°. Rose
 as usual. After
 breakfast rode into
 Baltimore in the cars
 with Frank. Then
 went over to Charlestown
 & viewed Bunker Hill
 Monument. Had
 no view as it was very
 misty. Then went down
 to the Navy Yard and
 went over the Ohio.
 Saw Hiram the Poplar House
 chicken killer; saw the
 Monitors. Then took a
 lunch with father. Then
 bought a bag of No. 8, & three
 5th bags of 4, 25 lbs. Ordered
 a shooting coat. Frank took
 the 3 P. M. train for home.
 Went up to Lox in P. M. with
 Henry and got the Marsh
 Sparrow nest found two weeks
 ago. It was finished but was empty.

1868

Saturday, July 11.

Clear but very warm.
 Ther. about 75° — 85° — 75°.
 Awoke at 4 A. M. intending
 to go shooting but fell
 asleep again. Got up
 at 7 A. M. & taking
 breakfast immediately
 started shooting taking
 Billy. First down the
 lane, shot a Red Wing.
 Then around the pond
 to Andrew's, shot a Cedar Bird
 & St. Joseph both flying. Then
 into Pine Swamp, fired
 twice at a Woodcock, third
 shot killed him old bird.
 Then shot two more also
 on the wing, one of which was
 a young & the other an old bird.
 Billy pointed the last & retrieved
 them all. Got back at 1 P. M.
 Took a bath. Mr. P. M. rode over
 to see Mr. Barnes with Ruth but
 he was not at home.

Sunday, July 12.

Clear but exceedingly
hot - in fact about the
warmest day that we
have had. Therm about
80° - 100° - 95°.

Rose quite late.

Did not attend church
as my face was swollen
up with a large boil.
Spent most of the day
reading Woods & Waters
one of Mr. Dexter's books.

In evening John
called and stayed
an hour or two with
us.

Monday, July 13.

Clear but warmer 70° -
80° - 75°.

Rose as usual. After
breakfast rode into
Boston in the buggy
with mother. Waited
several hours for her to
finish her 'shopping'.
Then she held the horse
while I got an ice cream
and bought at twenty
pairs of glass shaded pins.
Got out of town at 1 P.M.

Then stuffed the young
Woodcock that Father saw.
After dinner Sherman
called with Mr. Stearns who
looked over my birds.
After they had left went
up to 'the pond' with Jay
and got him so he would
swim pretty well.
Got home at 8.30 P.M.

1868

Tuesday, July 14.

Clear but hot. Ther.
about 70°—90°—
75°. Rose as usual.
Spent the first
part of A. M. in
writing up my record
and diary. Then
shook over my wings
which are infested
with grubs, and put
spirits turpentine on
them. Got a letter
from Sam saying that
he could go to Bay with
me. After dinner
rode up to Mr. Bangs
with father and saw
his puppies, two months
old one of which he
offers to me. Spent about
an hour before supper in
backing up. to carry.

1868

Wednesday, July 15.

Clear but excessively hot.
Ther about 80°—95°—
82°. Rose at 4 A. M.
and went shooting taking
Billy. First up around
the Snake Swamp; found
several Long Billed Marsh Wrens
nest nearly done and saw
several birds for the first
time. Then cut down a ~~Cock~~
in a ~~marsh~~ path through the
brush. Then beat the Pine
Swamp but found no birds. Saw three
Least Sandp. Coming home
shot 4 Bobolinks at a shot. Got back
at 9 A. M. Then father went over
& got Mr. Sweet & family & they got
here at about 1 P. M. Spent
most of the P. M. in playing
cragieet. They left at 6 P. M.
& I went up & spent several
hours with R. Deane who is still
confined by his toe. Had a ~~thunder~~
thunder shower.

Thursday, July 16.

Saw the first Least Sandp. Clear and cool. Ther. about 70° — 75° — 70° . Rose as usual. After breakfast rode up to the Brickyards where I tied Tiger. Then leaving Billy to guard the wagon, I went to the Long Bill. Mr. Wren's out. Killed the male at first shot & brought him down from the wing at second. Then took his two nests & left. Then rode up through Belmont making Billy follow. When I got back after having the nests, rode down to the Square & got my box for stuffing bats. Then stuffed the Marsh Wren. After dinner went up to the pond and rowed for some time with J. Brownell & J. Nichols. Went in swimming. Saw seven Wood Ducks. ~~Both Wren's~~ came up just at sunset & we rowed halfway across the pond.

Friday, July 17.

Clear & cool with an East wind. Ther. about 60° — 70° — 64° . Rose at 5.30 A. M. Got Bill up & he took me down to the Pond in the rowing. Went "peeping" with Henshaw & got fifteen Least Sandp. & one Spotted. We got about the same number. I shot a number of mice flying singly, some on the ground & five at one rake. We found no Semi-palmated. Shot the Spotted Id. flying & fired at several others. Green Herons ~~very~~ troublesome. Went in off the point. Got back at 10. M. ~~Then~~ After dinner went up to the pond & shot five Sp. Sandp. out of the boat, three sitting & two flying: also two Cliff Swallows flying, an adult & young. Firing at a Kingfisher flying. Got home at 8.30 P. M. Ruth is abed with his toe.

Saturday, July 18.

Clear but rather warm.
Ther. about 64° —
 80° — 70° . Rose as
usual. After breakfast
went up to the B's. At
10 A. M. started for the
pond with the rest of the
boy for our picnic. Found
a man & boy out in my
boat. Went out to them in
the B's boat & made them
come in. They had broken the
chain to get it loose. Took Will.
Russell & J. Nichols across
in my boat. Then we went
in swimming & ~~swam~~
nearly quarter of a mile. Had our
picnic at about 12 o'clock. Got
home at 3 P. M. After dinner
stuffed the two Cliff Swallows
shot yesterday, male & young.
At 7.30 P. M. rode up to the
pond with J. Nichols & fastened
my boat driving a stake
into it.

Sunday, July 19.

Clear and very warm.
Ther. about 75° — 85° —
 72° . Had a heavy
thunder shower late in
P. M. & it rained nearly
an hour. Rained lightly
nearly all the evening.
Rose as usual & shaved.
Attended church in A. M.
but found it exceedingly
warm. Went up to see
R. I came in P. M.
Wrote a letter to Sam
in the evening.
The raspberries are ripe,
Had the last box of strawberries
today, currants on the
vine, gooseberries d.s.
cherries entirely gone &
blackberries yet green.
Wrens still singing
vigorously.

Monday, July 20.

Cloudy & cold. Ther.
about 70°--70°--
60°. Rose at 4 A.M.
& went shooting taking
Jup. First down to
'the pond'. Near the foot
of the lane Jup pointed
& two birds got up. I tried
both barrels but the caps
only snapped. Then missed
a shot; then knocked over
a Cock which Jup retrieved
perfectly. Saw these ~~all together~~.

Then back of brick ice house &
shot a Red Wing & young chick
shot. Found at a Vir. Rail. Then
into Pine Swamp & knocked
over another Cock. Then ~~under~~
around 'the pond'. Got back
at 9 A.M. Then rode up through
Leppington letting Billy follow.
Saw a male & several female & young
Orchard Orioles in Belmont.
After dinner cleaned two guns
& went up to the pond & took a row

Tuesday, July 21.

Cloudy & rather cold.
Ther. about 65°--75°--
70°. Rose at 3.40 A.M.
& taking Billy went up
to 'the pond'. Dropped a
couple of young Cocks at the
foot of the lane & fired twice
at an old bird, probably
killing him at the last
shot. Billy missed twice.
Coming home got five ~~W. T. Larks~~
at a shot. The males have not
yet changed. Got back at 6.30
A.M. After breakfast stuffed
a female Least Sandp. shot
Friday. Then rode down to
Shenighaw's but he was not
at home. Had four Cocks for
dinner. After dinner read
a while & then went up to
'the pond' with J. Nichols
& got a sick ache rowing.
Saw Cliff Swallows.

Saw them or four Woodcock. & watched one for some time.

Wednesday, July 22.

Clear but warm.

Thur. about 70° — 90° — 75°. Rose as usual.

At 9 A. M. got Bill to carry me down to Henshaw's. We went out on to the marshes where we spent the forenoon.

I shot five & he four. Least Sandp. but no Semipalmated. Saw two Yellow Legs & two Ring Necks. Went in swimming.

Bill came down for me at 2.30 P. M. After dinner went up to the R. Dam & spent the afternoon with him. In the evening sat out on the piazza as usual. Gooseberries nearly all gone. Wrens still singing.

Thursday, July 23.

Clear but quite cool.

Thur. about 62° — 75° — 70°. Rose as usual.

After breakfast went up to the R. & got Theo to go to ride. Rode up through Lexington & Waltham where we got some sweet fern. Came down through Waverly where we saw a flock of several hundred Crow Blackbirds. In P. M. went up to the pond and went in swimming. Saw an out to a stake in the pond. Then rowed around the pond with J. Nichols. The Crow Blackbirds & Red Wings still continue to fly North in large flocks, indeed it seems as if there was no end to them.

Friday, July 24.

Cloudy & cold. Mist at several times during the day. Ther. about 64° — 75° — 60° . Intended to rise at 5 A.M. & go shooting but my clock did not wake me. Rose as usual. Went up to 'the pond' in A.M. & rowed for some time. After dinner went up to Dr. Mason's with father & saw a fine little bitch of his. Got home at about 7 P.M. Then went up to see R. Deane & stayed about an hour. The Herdards raced with Yale at Worcester, Harvard ~~17.28~~ 17.28½; Yale 18.20

Saturday, July 25.

A.M. cloudy. P.M. do. Ther. about 65° — 80° — 65° . Intend to start at 4 A.M. but as it was raining hard I did not go. After breakfast went up to 'the pond' with Farrar. Went nearly around in my boat. Fired at a Chimney Swallow & Ferrar shot a Sp. Lark. Then came ashore & Farrar went home. I went into the swamp with Jap. Fired at a Night Heron. Shot a young male Wood Duck which Jap. brought out of the water. Started an old Duck but did not fire at her. Had father's gun. Got back at 4 P.M. Then mounted the head of the Wood Duck. In evening cleaned the long double gun & the musket.

Sunday, July 26.

Clear but cool.
 Ther. about 65° -
 ~~75°~~ 70° . Rose
 as usual & shaved.
 Attended church
 in A. M. In P. M.
 took a ride with father,
 mother, aunt, & cousin,
 through Mr. Auburn
 & around through
 Belmont.

Monday, July 27.

Clear but warm.
 Ther. about 70° - 80°
 70° . Rose at 4 A. M.
 & went up to the large
 swamp taking Billy.
 Came across a flock of about
 ten Wood Ducks & got both
 barrels into them as they
 rose, killing one. Then
 got a shot at a single Duck
 but missed him. Then
 shot a Common Rail. Got
 wet through on account of the
 heavy dew. Got home at 7
 A. M. After breakfast
 got ready my things for packing.
 Then went up to the pond
 with W. M. Russell &
 rowed for some time.
 Coming home called in to
 see R. Deane. In P. M.
 went over to see Mr.
 Barnes taking Japs.

Tuesday, July 28.

Clouds but did not rain.
 Ther. about 70° - 85° - 70°.
 Rose as usual. After
 breakfast went down
 to the square & got my
 hair cut, also bought a
 ball of shoe thread. After
 I got home Shw. brought his
 baggage down & left it in the
 street. The baggage started
 at 10.30. Took the
 12 o'clock train for Plymouth.
 Had much of the way, as
 newspapers & London & the
 had coffee at 11. After
 the engine stopped
 down to the bank of
 the river. The engine
 for the chimney was
 but they did not go down in
 any chimneys. I had a
 near-hall. The men up
 heard the bell. The men
 & I got out.

Wednesday, July 29.

Alternately cloudy & clear
 but at times rather misty.
 Ther. about 70° - 80° -
 60° (after 11 o'clock) Rose at
 8.30 A.M. & had breakfast
 at the Temperance Hotel. At
 10 took the 8 o'clock train
 for Plymouth. Arrived
 at about 12 o'clock. Then
 to the Stage. The
 men & the boys were
 at the Hotel. I saw
 that we were not
 with the "old" men
 walked to the
 getting to the
 11.30.
 12.30 (at 11.30). The
 & I went down to the
 & took the boat with
 men for some hours. Saw a
 blackbirdman. He & I heard
 the men & a black
 the men to the
 at 11.30.

Thursday, July 30.

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Friday, July 31.

Left room for this
morning. Therm. about 65. 76
65. Went at 6 A.M.
to the 6:30 breakfast.
Then went down to the basin
on a wooden walk & began
to fish down the stream.
After walking down about a
quarter of a mile we turned
up the bank where we
caught one hot trout and
another cold trout. It is
found that the hatch at the
mouth of the basin is
fished down to the
main stream. I find a
great many trout in the
main stream. I saw no trout but
a few trout in the basin.
The trout are getting
smaller. I saw about 10
with 130 trout, I saw only
a few trout.

Friday, July 31.

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Saturday, August 1.

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Sunday, August 2.

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Monday, August 3.

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Tuesday, August 4.

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Wednesday, August 5.

Thursday, August 6.

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Friday, August 7.

Alternately cloudy & clear. Ther. about 65° — 70° — 65° .
 Rose at 6 A.M. & had ~~a~~ hurried breakfast. Thos. & I got outside seats. It commenced to rain when we got down to the bridge and continued for nearly an hour. Got within ten yards of a ~~Barn~~ wing house, crossing down the valley. Reached Plymouth at 12 M. Had dinner at 12.20 & the cars started at 1 P.M.

Got into Boston at 6 P.M. and found Bill waiting. Thos. & I rode out with him on the wagon.

Fed the cows in the evening & exercised the dogs which were glad to see me particularly Jack.

Saturday, August 8.

Cloudy & rained most of A.M. Ther. about 62° — 75° — 68° . Rose as usual. After breakfast went up to see B. Deane but he was 'in town'. Then got Thos. Russell & went up to 'the pond'. He came home again and I went out in my boat & made the circuit of 'the pond'. Got a number of full grown lilies & came in getting home at about 12 M. Found Dan. waiting for me. After dinner we took the 'shooting wagon' & I took him up to Plymouth Brook station where he took the cars for Concord. Had most of the evening.

Sunday, August 9.

Morning broke cloudy
& raining hard. Cleared
off at about 10 A.M.
Rest of day clear
and the afternoon the
loveliest I think that
I ever beheld. The air
was clear as crystal with
a cool breeze & the golden
sunlight played over
the freshly washed foliage.
Mr. Deane came down
in the first part of A.M.
& staid till noon.
After dinner wrote up
my record. Then took
a ride with father & aunt
Lizzie through Mt. Auburn
& around through Belmont
& Arlington. In the
latter town saw an albin
Robin that was almost
pure white.

Monday, August 10.

Got back at 8 P.M.

Clear and warm.
Ther about 65° - 78°
65°. Rose at 4.30 A.M.
& went up to the Deane's
where I found R. Deane
& Mr. Dexter waiting for me.
Walked down to the pond
& found our boat nearly full
of water. Baled it out & carried
Mr. Dexter out to the point
where he bached out. Then
R. Deane shot a Kingfisher.
I fired next at one & wounded
him. Then shot one sitting.
Then shot a Red Wing (female) &
a Sp. Sandp. Got home at about
11 A.M. firing several times at
Mtd. Larks on the way. Shot
five Robins at five shots in the
yard. Jap. retrieved them all
& I made him point dead. In latter
part of P.M. went up to the pond
& practiced casting with my
fly rod. Saw a flock of Thimble
(13) Wood Ducks. Saw two Sp. Sandp.
went into the air.

Tuesday, August 11.

Heard a Baltimore Oriole.
Cloudy most of the
day. Ther. about
65° — 75° — 65°.

Rose at 5 A.M.
& taking Billy went
into the swamps. First
waded through the Tule
swamp but saw nothing.
Then through the swamp
back of the Glacialis. Saw
three Night Herons & two
young & an adult (changing)
& missed another. Saw two Green
Herons & shot a Bar. Rail & a
Sp. Sandp. the latter flying.
Then back of Block island
& shot a young Hooded Merg.
~~for~~ Least Bittern, & a slight
Heron all flying. Fired
three times to secure the
Merg. Saw both Long & Short
Billed Marsh Wrens.
Got back at 11 A.M. In
P.M. stuffed the Merg.
& Bittern. R. Deane called
in the evening.

Wednesday, August 12.

Clear and a beautiful
day. Ther. about
60° — 70° — 65°.

Rose at 6 A.M. &
after breakfast took father
down to the Somerville
depot. Then came back
& rode into Boston
with mother. Bought
several pairs of glass
eyes, five papers of pins
& two bundles of cotton
wool. Coming out called
to see H. Benson
& took him over through
Brighton and back again.
After dinner played
base ball for some time
with the B's & then played
billiards with E. Dodge.
Dan came down in
the last train. R. Deane
& E. Dodge called in the evening.

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Thursday, August 13.

and a beautiful
 day. The sun about 60° -
 75° - 80°. Rose as
 usual. After breakfast
 took a ride through Longton
 with Dan. We got some
 news from Had dinner
 at 12 o'clock. Started with the
 express at 1.30 P.M. & took
 the 2.15 train to etc. Hampton
 Dan & I went down in the
 morning car, arrived here
 at 6 o'clock. After supper
 we took a walk over to
 the cell pond & saw several
 green herons in the water.
 Just at dusk saw immense
 flocks of sandpeeps flying
 southward. Spent most
 of the evening at the
 Peconic House. Saw Will
 & Frank. Went
 to bed at 9.30 P.M. Heard
 an Indigo Bird once.

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Friday, August 14.

Saw & cool with
 a good breeze. Therm.
 about 60° & 70°. Dan
 intended to see at the
 but did not until 5.30.
 Arrived about 11.
 as they did in the
 side again had dinner
 at 12 o'clock. Dan & I
 went down to the beach
 several times. Saw some
 green herons & a large
 flock of sandpeeps.
 In the evening went
 over to the Peconic House
 and sat at 7.30
 P.M.

Saturday, August 15.

Sunday, August 16.

Soon 4 Rd. Brant
Squaws came along & I shot
thru & I saw on the wing. I
shot - three more Squaws &
a Yl. Leg. & I another
Squaw & Yl. Leg.

Three
Black Ducks came over
his decoys & I fired at them
but missed. Feb.

The first part of the
 morning I went up at
 about 10 A.M. But on
 going to the
 the about 6:30
 I found a great
 of the wood had been
 down several large
 of the wood one full
 of the wood was
 the full piece. Then
 walked a down for some
 time through my
 the wood had
 over to the
 house and
 at 6.30 P.M.

Monday, August 17.

The first morning of the trip was
 very pleasant. After
 breakfast we went to the
 beach at 4:00. The water
 was very warm and the
 sun was shining. We went
 swimming and sunbathing
 for several hours. The
 weather was perfect for
 our vacation. We were
 very happy and enjoyed
 every minute of it. When
 the sun went down, we
 had a picnic on the beach.
 The food was delicious and
 the atmosphere was
 very relaxing. After
 dinner, we went for a
 walk along the shore.
 The stars were out and
 the moon was shining
 brightly. It was a
 beautiful sight. We
 went home at about
 10:00. The trip was
 very successful and we
 had a great time.
 We will be back soon.
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 beautiful sight. We
 went home at about
 10:00. The trip was
 very successful and we
 had a great time.
 We will be back soon.

Tuesday, August 18.

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Wednesday, August 19.

Clear and warm but
 not very hot. The sun
 out 7 1/2 hours. Wind
 S.W. 4 at N. and with
 rain & B. at west shelter.
 Put out our decoys on
 the point. Soon a flock
 of about fifteen Turnstones
 came along & hovering over
 our decoys. Each got a male
 bird. Shot a snipe (the first of the
 season) as it was hovering over the decoys.
 Shot also a number of plovers
 in N. W. we stuffed each one.
 Turnstone & B. a least. B. with
 took a bird. Two of the plovers &
 water. rather cold. After
 dinner went along the
 beach with Bulb. The ship was
 lifting anchor at about 4 o'clock
 some Turnstones. A number
 of the spotted bills. Some of
 went over to the old point. The
 ship was out at 9.30 P.M.

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Thursday, August 20.

Cloudy & calm most
 of the day. The boat
 600 - 700 - 700
 from at 4.30 A.M.
 went over to the pond.
 A. D. took father's
 gun & went with us.
 I shot three B. W. (the
 first of the season) several
 B. W. & a Green Heron
 flying. I shot three
 B. W. & three. First got *maculata*
 which I have seen before.
 The second was a B. W.
 I shot a B. W. & a B. W. & a B. W.
 I shot a B. W. & a B. W. & a B. W.
 very cold. After dinner
 went over to the pond
 with B. W. & got a B. W. &
 on the point. The shot a
 B. W. & a B. W. & a B. W.
 I shot a B. W. & a B. W. & a B. W.
 I shot a B. W. & a B. W. & a B. W.

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Friday, August 21.

and rather warm
 about 69° - 70°
 at 5 o'clock
 and went out with
 fish hook. Shot two
 small fish as
 soon as I got out.
 Then shot a Kingfisher
 flying over the house.
 The bird was very
 tame. After breakfast
 I went out with the
 gun and shot a few
 more. I then bathed. The
 water was very good.
 Then I wrote the letter
 to Mr. Smith. I also
 wrote to Mr. Jones.
 I then went to the
 store and bought
 some things. I then
 went to the bank
 and deposited the
 money. I then
 went to the
 house and
 wrote the letter
 to Mr. Smith.

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Saturday, August 22.

Clear and pleasant.
 about 60° - 70°
 at 5 o'clock. I
 after breakfast
 for a while. I then
 left by the line train.
 I went over to the
 harbor and shot a few
 fish. I then
 for nearly two hours.
 I caught a number of
 fish. I also caught
 a few. I then
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 bank and deposited
 the money. I then
 went to the
 house and wrote
 the letter to Mr.
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 the money. I then
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 the letter to Mr.
 Smith.

Sunday, August 23.

Clear and a beautiful
day. Went at 6
7⁰ 15⁰ down at
8 A.M. After breakfast
Maud, Bathed at
church. Water delightfully
warm for the
but the sun rather
hot. Took dinner
together at the Ocean
house. After dinner
we all rode over to
Brompton beach in
an open beach wagon.
Saw a lot. Got back
at about 8 P.M. After
supper wrote a letter
to C. Carter. Went to
bed at 10 P.M.

Monday, August 24.

Clear and a beautiful
day. Went at 6
6⁰ 15⁰ down at
in the afternoon
dinner. Bathed at
church. Water at 5 A.M.
I went over to the beach
with Maud. Bathed at
at a 1/2 hour. Maud
back at 10 A.M. and
bathed up at the beach
left by the 11 A.M. train.
Then Maud & I took a
boat & fished while waiting
for our dinner. Maud
had a lot of fish. When
back a letter. After getting
dinner. Maud & I
went to the beach again
& made a fishing net
& fished for 4 hours
a 1/2 getting Maud to
at 7 P.M.

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Tuesday, August 25.

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Wednesday, August 26.

Clear and pleasant.
 Ther about 60° 75°.
 60°. Rose at 5 A.M.
 and went over to the
 East pond. Got a shot but
 the ill luck was the cups
 only trapped. Shot a
 Kingfisher flying. Then
 R. Leane shot a Seal &
 fired at the others as it was.
 It lit on the sea so I dragged
 my boat across & went out
 after it but could not get
 a shot. Then shot two well
 Tails one sitting & the other
 flying. I acted as usual.
 After dinner R. Leane
 stuffed his Seal & he went
 over to the pump. Shot
 a Kingfisher & a Y.L.
 at a Golden Plover.
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Thursday, August 27.

Clear and pleasant.
 Ther about 60° - 70°
 65°. Rose at 5 A.M.
 and went over to the
 pond with R. Lane.
 Did not get a shot
 at anything. W. Phil.
 shot a Yellow Lake and
 a Marbled Murre.
 Came back along the
 beach and shot a
 small warbling.

After breakfast I spent
 it in sandhills. Then
 bathed. Water quite
 warm. Father left to
 day. For P. M. went up
 to the mill pond but
 saw no ducks. Then
 down to the El pond
 & with R. Lane shot
 three Snouts flying.
 Wrote a letter to father

Friday, August 28.

Clear and cool.
 Ther about 60° - 70°
 65°. Intended to rise
 this morning but stayed
 in bed until 10 A.M.
 till I d. after breakfast
 we went to the pond
 & the lake. Shot three
 Snouts & a Marbled Murre.
 Then bathed with Father.
 Water very warm.
 After dinner went along
 the beach. Shot three
 Snouts but still
 did not get a Marbled Murre.
 Shot a flying & a King
 duck. Then I went
 down to the pond
 but saw nothing.
 Got back to supper.
 I did not get up this
 morning.

Saturday, August 29

Sunday, August 30.

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* * * Windy and cool. I cannot remember which.

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Monday, August 31.

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Tuesday, September 1.

changeable.
broke cloudy

Black Tern

Wednesday, September 2.

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Thursday, September 3.

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Friday, September 4.

Heard Swamp H. & M. H. H. H. H.

6 cloudy and had ^{rising} several heavy showers in P. M. Ther. about 60° - 68° - 62°.

Rose as usual.

After breakfast took the coach for Haverhill with father. Got home at about 12 M. Found most of the peaches ripe. After dinner unpacked my birds. Then took father gun and went up to the pond. Saw two Wood Ducks go into the swamp. Fired at at Bl. Wing. Teal at the foot of the lane & shot a Rail. Then went into the swamp & shot a Bittern & a N. Heron both flying. Had to get an Irishman to bring me a plank before I could get out of the swamp.

Saturday, September 5.

Morning broke rainy & stormy. Rained till 10 A. M. when it cleared up. Rest of day clear and beautiful. Ther. about 60° - 75° - 60°.

Woke at 4 A. M. but as it was raining hard I did not start shooting. After breakfast took Billy & explored the swamps thoroughly as far as Smith's pond. Shot four Rails (lost one) & a Night Heron all flying. Wounded a Bittern badly but lost him. Fired twice at Snipe & saw three.

Got back at 4.30 P. M. After dinner took a ride with father. In the evening went up to B. Lanes & saw his Gallinules. Saw several Bank & Barn & wallows.

Sunday, September 6.

Clear and a lovely day.
 Ther. about 56° -
 70° - 60°. Rose a
 little early and plucked
 a Bittern and eight
 Heron. Attended church
 in A.M. Dr. Pratt.
 took a ride with father
 around Spot pond in
 Stoneham. Had my
 Herons for dinner &
 found them excellent.
 Heard a A.M. Thr. Vireo
 singing this afternoon.
 Wrote a letter to Dan
 in the evening

Monday, September 7.

Cloudy and had a
 heavy shower every two
 or three hours. Ther.
 about 60° - 75° - 65°.
 Rose at 4 A.M. & went
 shooting. Fired twice at
 Wood Ducks at the foot
 of the lane. Then went
 through the swamp
 and up to Smith's pond.
 There shot two N. Herons
 sitting off the same branch
 came down by Block island.
 Shot a C. Heron flying, two
 Snipe flying & a Bittern
 flying under power line.
 also on the wing. Billy
 pointed a number of times.
 The Rails all flew like Snipe
 rapidly doubling & twisting.
 Got soaked to the skin.
 Got back at 11 A.M. Then plucked
 my birds. After dinner
 shaved my double beard
 & took a ride with Dr. Pratt.

Tuesday, September 8.

Clear and rather cold.
Ther. about 54° - 70° -
65°. Rose at 4 A. M.
and took Billy & pup.
Shot four Rails, three
Geal, two Night Herons
& two Green Herons.
Shot two of the Geal
flying and the third
on the water. They were
all I saw. Saw a number
of Wood Ducks.

Got back at 11 A. M.
Had three Night Herons
& a Bittern for dinner.
After dinner intended
to have had a pigeon shoot
but Ruth, did not wait for
me. Went up to the swamp
& shot two Night Herons
flying. Fired at some
Wood Ducks flying. Saw
Chimney & Barn Swallows.
Heard Virginia Rails &
L. Bill. Marsh Wrens.

Wednesday, September 9.

First part of A. M. clear
Had a shower about
noon. P. M. cloudy.
Ther. about 58° - 78° -
60°. Rose at 4 A. M.
& went into the swamp.
Saw nothing but two Geal
& a few Squirrels. Coming out
of the swamp saw two
Yellow Legs, a Tall Tale &
a Virginia Rail. Got back
at 9 A. M. Saw about fifty
Wild Pigeons flying over.
Bailey came out to see me
at about 10 A. M. & Henshaw
also called. Took a ride
with Bailey through
Lexington & Waltham.
After dinner went up to
the pond with R. Deane
& had a pigeon shoot
& killed ~~some~~ pigeons. Saw
about twenty Wood Ducks.

Thursday, September 10.

Cloudy all day.
 Rained all of A.M.
 Ther. about 60° - 75° -
 62°. Rose at 4 A.M.
 but as it was raining
 hard I went back to
 bed again. After breakfast
 picked a basket of plums
 and read for several
 hours. Then began
 on one of the Blue Winged
 Teal shot ~~Monday~~.
 Henshaw called while
 I was stuffing him.
 Got through by dinner
 time. After dinner read
 a while. Then took Billy
 and went up to the
 swamp. Came upon four
 Blue Wings & shot two. Then followed
 the others & killed them both but
 on coming back found my first
 two gone. Going out just at
 dusk shot a Wood Duck
 flying knocking him all up.

Friday, September 11.

~~the Purple Starlings & swat~~
 Pictorial.
 Cloudy and rained
 several times. Ther.
 about 66° - 85° -
 80°. Rose at 5 A.M.
 and went shooting.

Went first into the swamp
 where I saw about a dozen
 Wood Ducks go down.
 Searched for them nearly
 two hours and at last ~~they~~
 got them up but they did not
 come within shot. Then
 went over to the pond and
 moved around it in my boat.
 Fired twice at a Fish Hawk.
 Met the Hussards & went
 up to Spy Pond with them.
 Shot a Woodcock in the pine
 swamp to Billy's point.

Saw a Wilson's Tern on Spy
 Pond. Shot also a Kingbird
 & a St. Wng. Woodpecker.
 Got back at 2 P.M. After dinner
 went up to the railroad
 & shot two Night Herons flying.
 and also at a Wood Duck flying.

Saturday, September 12.

H. Deane saw some Tit Larks
 Cloudy but did not
 rain. Ther. about 70° -
 80° - 70°. Rose at
 10 A.M. and went up
 to the Swamp taking
 my shortest double barrel.
 Shot a Green Winged
 Teal sitting at a very
 long shot. Saw several
 Wood Ducks & fired at one
 flying. Then went over
 to the pond and took
 my boat. Got a good shot
 at an Osprey and wounded
 him badly. Then chained
 my boat and went first
 to Port pond where I saw
 four Wood Ducks. Then
 to Block Island where
 I shot a Tring. Got back
 at 11. Then stuffed the Teal.
 After dinner went up to the Swamp.
 Saw the first autumn mals & rustlers.
 Watched a Rail & Merganser.
 Shot a Wood Duck flying
 but could not find them.

Sunday, September 13.

Alternately cloudy
 & clear. Ther. about
 65° - 78° - 70°.
 Rose as usual and
 shaved. attended
 church in A.M.
 P.M. went up
 to the Deane's and
 saw Ruth's Wood Duck
 and Lucie's presents.
 Wrote most of the
 evening. Heard a
 Warbling Vireo singing
 to day. Had a heavy
 shower in P.M. The
 prachers are getting
 past their prime.

Monday, September 14.

Clear and a very pleasant day. Ther. about 60° - 65° 60° . Rose at 4 A.M. and went into the swamp. Found Ruth there who had shot a Night Heron and fired several times at Wood Ducks. I soon got a flying shot at a female Wood Duck & brought her down. Then shot another but could not find her. Then over to Block Island and shot a Snipe & a Rail; got back at 1 P.M. Then Russell & I each shot a Rd. Bill Grebe & Joe an old W. Tern. After a dinner at 2, went up to the pond & shot two Fish Hawks, one flying. Fired at a Grebe, & finished a Seal for Hittinger.

Tuesday, September 15.

Clear and cool. Ther. about 55° - 68° - 60° . Had a slight frost last night. Went down to the High School to day but after having our lessons given out we were dismissed. Then I got our lessons soon after getting home. Then went up to the pond and pulled around in my boat but saw nothing. Went over to the Glacier where I shot a Bull Terrier & wounded a Yellow Leg badly. Then watched a couple of Rd. Bill Grebes for some time & at last got them both at a shot. Got back to dinner. After dinner went up to the railroad with H. Henshaw & shot 8 Robins in their roosting place & a Night Heron flying. Heard many Autumnal Warblers migrating after dark.

Wednesday, September 16.

Clear and pleasant
but very windy in
P. M. Ther. about
60° - 65° - 58°.

Rose as usual

After school studied
with Thos. After
dinner W. Henshaw
came up and I stuffed
the adult female Goshawk
shot yesterday. After
supper stuffed the
young bird also a female.
The Bobolinks have
all left us.

Grapes beginning.

Barthlett pears just
beginning to get ripe.

Thursday, September 17.

Clear and pleasant
but cold. Ther. about
42° - 58° - 44°
The coldest day that
we have had. Rose
a little early and
shaved. After getting
home from school cut the
wings off my Fish Hawk.
After dinner went up
to the railroad with
Henshaw. Saw numbers
of Wood Ducks and
a flock of Geese. Then
went into the wood &
I shot four & Henshaw
seven Robins. Saw numbers
of Savannah Sparrows &
Swamp Sparrows. Fired at
a Great Heron & saw
several Bar. Hails. Heard
Autumnal Warblers flying
as late as 10 P. M.

Friday, September 18.

Clear but cool, Thur.
 about 38° - 60° -
 50° Rose as usual. Saw
 before breakfast an albino
 Robin on our cherry
 tree. After school had
 our annual football
 match in which the 3rd
 beat the 4th & the 1st
 & 2nd beat the 2nd & 4th.
 Got back to dinner. After
 dinner started for the taking
 my long gun & live duck.
 I had scarcely got my
 bird out when I got a shot
 at a Wood Duck but missed him.
 Then fired into a flock & knocked
 one but failed to find him. Then
 fired both barrels into six B.
 Wing. That killing four. Then
 saw a Turtle Dove flying. Then
 shot a single Blue Wing & a few
 minutes after one of two Green
 Wings both flying over my
 decoy. Got back to supper.

Saturday, September 19.

Saw several Snowbirds plainly.
 A.M. clear. P.M. cloudy.
 Thur. about 42° - 65° -
 52° . Rose at 4 A.M.
 and taking Billy went
 up to the swamp. Saw
 a Turtle Dove & a Com. Coot
 before it was fairly light.
 As it was fast getting light
 the Snipe began to fly over
 the swamp in large numbers.
 Got a flying shot at a Teal but
 missed him. Then heard Swamp
 Sparrows, Ch. W. Thr. & C. Rails
 singing. Went up to Pond pond
 & shot two handsome male Wood
 Ducks with one barrel & a female
 with the other. They were accompanied
 by several Teal. Got back at 10 A.M.
 Then stuffed a male Wood Duck
 After dinner went up to the
 swamp & shot a B. W. Teal
 & a Snipe but failed to get the
 latter. Saw a Night Hawk
 studied at 10 in the evening.
 Heard a Wren sing.

Sunday, September 20.

Cloudy & rained most of the day. Ther. about 56° - 65° - 60° .
 Rose as usual and shaved, attended church in A. M.
 Wrote a letter to C. Carter in the evening, and to Dan in the afternoon.
 The woods and gardens are literally alive with autumnal Warblers and there seems to be a continual stream passing over during the whole night as it is impossible to be out in open air ten minutes without hearing them. Most of the species except the latest varieties have gone. The grass is very green and only the maples in the swamps have turned as yet.

Monday, September 21.

Clear and a most lovely day. Ther. about 50° - 56° - 50° .
 Rose as usual. Walked down to school with E. Dodge & Theo. Studied at the R. immediately after getting back.
 After dinner went up to the swamp with Henthorn and met R. Deane there. Then went over to the railroad and shot three Robins. H. shot four. I fired once at a Night Heron.
 Got back at 7.30 P. M.
 After supper cleaned both of my double guns. Saw numbers of Snipe & a solitary Sandpiper, but no ducks. Theo carried a petition around this evening for having Saturdays again.

Tuesday, September 22.

A. M. Clear. P. M.
cloudy. Ther. about
40° — 50° — 50°.

Rose as usual and
walked down with
the boys. Had a fire
in the furnace today for
the first time. After
school studied with
Thos. Then went up
to the pond and
thence to Peart pond
but saw nothing. Carried
up two Seal decoys.

Heard numbers of Bat
Birds & saw a Night
Hawk. Got back at 7 P. M.
After supper carried
around a petition with
J. Russell for getting
our Saturdays back
again.

Wednesday, September 23.

Cloudy and rained
most of the day.

Ther. about 58° — 60° —
60°. Rose at 3.30 A. M.
and went up to the
pond where I found
R. I came waiting for
me. Got out our decoys
long before light. Just
as the day was dawning
three Seal lit and I got
one of them as they
sprang. Started back at
6 A. M. and got my dry
clothes on in time for breakfast.
Saw a Tit Lark. After school
studied as usual.

After dinner went up to
the swamp but saw
nothing but a few Snipe
and Virginia Rails,
& did not fire a shot. Saw
several autumnal Warblers.

Thursday, September 24.

Cloudy and sprinkled a little in P. M.
 Ther. about 60° - 65° - 50°. Rose as usual & walked down with the boys. After getting home from school had lunch consisting of a few crackers & the real shot yesterday. Then started shooting with Henshaw taking both pup. & Billy. First shot a C. Rail at the foot of the lane. Then through the Swamp but saw nothing but a Green Heron. Billy made a very long point on a Snipe. Then over to Black Island. Shot each two Snipe and saw nearly fifty others but they all rose & wild. Saw one ~~swish~~ of twelve Snipe all flying together & another accompanied by a Pectoral. Saw Cat Birds, Vir. Rails (Heard one sing) & ~~et. Herons~~. ~~Spot four Robins~~ near the track. Saw two Night Hawks;

Friday, September 25.

Cloudy all day. Rained hard all last night & all this forenoon.

Ther. about 50° - 60° - 50°. Rose as usual.

After getting back from school, had lunch immediately and started shooting taking Billy & my long gun. Shot first a Coot on the pond firing both barrels at him. Then killed a Muskrat in the Glacialis. Next tried the meadows & shot three Snipe & two Carolina Rails without missing a shot. Then went up to Smith's pond and on my way down shot a Virginia Rail & missed a Night Hawk of which I saw numbers.

Saw L. B. Mar. Wrens & Sav.

Sparrows. Saw only four Snipe.

Measured my birds in the evening & caught my duck for to-morrow morning.

Saturday, September 26.

A. M. cloudy. Most of P. M. clear. Ther. about 60° - 65° - 58° . Rose at 8.30 A. M. & dressed myself although it was raining fast but no sooner had I got out than it stopped. Had to take out my boat & by the time I had got my decoys out the day was dawning. Saw nothing for some time, but three Wood Ducks passing over high. Just as I was taking in my decoy a duck, probably a Wh. Wing. Gull came into the pond. I walked up to within ~~about~~ shot of him & pulled both triggers but only wounded him badly. The swamp swallows are arrayed in their most gorgeous colors. Got back at 10.30 A. M. Then stuffed my Gull (male) shot yesterday. After dinner went up to the pond & pulled around it seeing a Grebe & several Night Hawks. Studied in evening. Autumnals flying this evening as thick as ever.

Sunday, September 27.

Cloudy and rained nearly all day. Ther. about 54° - 60° - 54° . Rose as usual and shaved. In A. M. attended church as usual. After dinner took a walk with father, taking trap. Heard a Swamp Sparrow sing. The pees (Bartlett) are all gone, and there are very few peaches left. The grapes are fast turning and if the frost holds off for a short time longer they will soon ripen. Autumnals still abundant. Saw a House Wren to day.

Monday, September 28.

Clear and a beautiful day at last. Ther. about 60° - 70° - 65° .
 Frost as usual.
 Had lunch as soon as I got back from school and then started shooting in my wagon with J. Russell. Rode up to Lexington meeting Rodgers & Frank Low as we were passing the pond. Knocked a Gray Squirrel & a stone wall but he got away. Then cut down a young Ruffed Grouse at a close cross shot but Billy pulled most of his tail feathers out. Got a number of wild grapes & shot two chukars for measurements.
 Got back at 7.30 P. M.

Read most of the evening.

Tuesday, September 29.

Saw a Phoebe.

Clear but very windy. Ther. about 50° - 60° - 50° . Frost as usual. After getting back from school had lunch. Then started shooting with H. Henshaw in my wagon. Got out first at the Woodcock grounds beyond Mill Hill. After a most careful search Billy put up a cock which lit a short distance off. I put him up myself again & fired a long shot at him but missed him. Saw a Yellow Bump & a Pig Hawk. Then over to the pond in Waltham but saw nothing. H. shot a tame pigeon & a Robin. Went into Port pond coming home. Saw a Night Hawk. Walnuts beginning to turn & swamps maples about to lose their leaves.

Wednesday, September 30.

A. M. clear and cold
 P. M. warm, cloudy
 & windy. Ther. about
 42° - 60° - 60°

Rose at 3.30 A. M.
 and went up to the pond.
 Got out our decoys at about
 5 A. M. and soon three
 Black Ducks came over &
 I got a female & R. Deane
 another. Then shot a bon.
 E. C. Then a flock of about
 twenty Ruddy Ducks came
 into the pond and R.
 Deane & I together shot
 ten of which two were shot
 & wounded many others. Fished
 at a Gr. Bl. Heron. Left the
 pond covered with boats
 chasing the remaining ducks.

After school began on a female
 Ruddy & finished her at 6 P. M.
 Then took a ride around the
 pond taking my gun.

Thursday, October 1.

Cloudy but no rain
 50° - 60° - 50°
 Rose at 3.30 A. M. & went
 up to the pond.

Shot two Ruddy Ducks
 In the P. M. stuffed the
 Ruddy Duck that was
 =clay -

In the evening cleared
 both my gun
 For P. M. took a gun
 and carried my boat
 up to the pond with
 Ohio and then sculled
 it all over the pond.

Friday, October 2.

Cloudy & rain most of
the A.M.,
ther 50° 62° 50°

Ran at 4.45 a.m. &
went up to the pond
took my smallest
boat & shot a Black
duck, flying firing
bolt & landing at
him at once

Saw a number
of the same kind
in the P.M. went up
to the pond & put
Reno baby into the
small boat

Saturday, October 3.

Cloudy & rain all
the A.M.,
ther

50° 60° 50°
rose at 3.30 & went up
to the pond in the rain
decoyed seven black ducks
nearly in, when they were
startled by a boat, and flew
over us, Ruth bringing down
one which he could not find
then chased a scoter about
the pond for some time,
coming home shot a king-fish
with a heavy charge thereby
hurting my hand badly
got home at 9.30 & A.M.
wet through, after which
stuffed my black duck
shot yesterday. In P.M.
went up to the pond with
R Deane and saw the scoter
again, a loon seen on
the pond to day

Sunday, October 4.

Clear and beautiful day. Ther about 50-60-50
 as usual and
 attended church in A.M.

In P.M. rode over
 to Stoneham with father
 and saw six black ducks
 and a lemon & white
 painter.

Monday, October 5.

Cloudy and warm.
 Ther. about 55°-60°-
 55°. Rose at usual, ~~11~~
 and walked down with
 the boys. Studied as soon
 as I got back from
 school. Then went
 up to the pond with
 R. Deane and fixed
 some anchors for our
 ducks. Saw a Black
 Duck and a light
 Hawk. Went to bed at
 8.30 P.M. My hand
 is beginning to heal.

Tuesday, October 6.

Clear but rather windy.
Ther. about 60° - 70° -
 48° . Rose at 3.30 A.M.
and went up to the
pond with B. Deam.

Got our ducks out
at least half an hour
before daylight. Saw
nothing during the
morning but one Black
Duck, which I fired
at as it passed high
overhead. Saw only
Charlie Chunnery on the
pond. Got home to
breakfast. Per P.M.
rode over to Stoneham
with father & mother
and tried to track for
the points but could
not. Studied at B's in
evening. Henthaw shot
a Gt. Wing Teal.

Wednesday, October 7.

Saw several Crossbills.
Clear most of the day
Ther. about 40° - 75° -
 60° . Rose as usual
and walked down
with the boys. After
school studied with
Thos. Then took Billy
& went up to the pond.
Went through the
swamp & got a Snipe
& a Bittern both flying
Billy hunted the former
& I had to fire twice
at the latter to kill him
dead. Then started a Black
Duck & wounded him
badly but as I mistook the
triggers, I failed to get the
second barrel into him. Saw
a Tit Lark, a C. Rail & Rusties
in abundance. Wrote most
of the evening. Bed at 9 P.M.
Saw a Phoebe & a Barn
Swallow with shattered
wing feathers.

Thursday, October 8.

c.v. M. clear for the most part. P.M. cloudy and rained quite hard for an hour or more. Ther. about 60° - 74° - 60°. Rose at 4 A.M. and went up to the pond meeting Ruth. at bridge. Got out our decoys by daylight but saw nothing but a Common Coot. A flock of fifteen Geese went over 'that pond'. After school studied with Ther.

Then rode over to Stonham with J. Cresswell and tried Dark again. Found a number of Woodcock which he pointed. I fired once & ~~missed~~ ^{missed} once but both missed. Gave pup \$2.00 for the dog. Saw eight Black Ducks & several Grass Ducks.

Friday, October 9.

Clear and cold. Ther. about 40° - 50° - 45°. Rose at 4.30 A.M. and went up to the pond but did not take my ducks. Took out my large boat. Saw numbers of Black Ducks but did not get a shot at any. Looked in at the little pond at the foot of the lawn and got a sitting shot at a Gallinule sitting & killed him. Another rose at the shot and I fired at him wounding him badly. After school went up to the pond with Tiger and mended my boat. Then rode home & went up to the pond again taking my gun & Dark. Shot a Kingfisher & made a shooting but I saw some Finches for the first time to day.

Saturday, October 10.

Sunday, October 11.

Clear with an East wind. Ther. about 40° - 55° - 50° . Rose at 4 A.M. & meeting Ruth at his gate went up to 'the pond' taking Dart. Took father's gun and pulled across in my small boat getting out my dory before light. Heard a Noctuid Owl screeching back of my stand & shot him. Then a flock of a dozen Wood Ducks came in & R. Dean got one. At 7 A.M. went over to Smith's pond & talked with Frost. Then came down through the meadows & shot a Bl. Wn. Teal & five Snipe. Saw a G. Wn. Teal & two Coots. Got back at 2 P.M. Then stuffed the Gallinule shot yesterday (punch) At 5 P.M. rode up to the pond. Saw

Clear and very warm with a southerly wind. Ther. about 65° - 70° - 60° . Rose as usual & shaved. Attended church in A.M. In P.M. took a walk up to the pond. Grapes are nearly all gone. Only three or four bunches left on one tree.

Barthlett fears D. Porter apples about finished. Leaves on all the trees are turning fast & those of the Swamp maples are dropping off.

to a full tale, a fine & bar. Daily. Crossed the pond that 1st & 2nd.

Monday, October 12.

Clear and a beautiful day. Ther. about 50° — 60° — 50°.

Rose as usual.

There was considerable firing at the pond this morning. After school had my hair cut and studied at the Ps. Then began on the ~~chopped~~ Oast (pinch) shot Saturday & finished him by 6 P. M.

After dinner fed my dogs as usual and cleaned both my guns. Went to bed at 9 P. M.

Tuesday, October 13.

Clear and pleasant. Morning rather cold. Ther. about 42° — 65° — 50°.

Rose at 4 A. M. and went up to the pond. Waited some time for Butch, but he did not come. Set out my duck on the point. Soon a Corn Coot came down to him & getting a close shot at him I killed him. Then a female Surf Duck came into the pond & Charlie Chum shot him. Then two Buddy Ducks came in one of which was shot & the other wounded. Got back to breakfast. After school went snipe shooting with H. H. & he killed one snipe & a Spot Sandp. I killed nothing. Studied in evening.

Wednesday, October 14.

Cloudy. Rained most of the A. M. Ther. about 50° — 60° — 50 . Rose at 4 A. M. and went up to the pond. Set out my decoy off the point. Then pulled around the pond & passed a couple of Red Ducks in comb. Took which Ch. Chin. shot. He also shot a Corn. Coot. Got back to breakfast. After school studied with Tho. Then went up to 'the pond' with him, fishing, & caught each a pickerel. Saw a Fish Hawk. Got back at 6 P. M. Went to bed at 8.30 P. M.

Thursday, October 15.

Cloudy and rained most of A. M. Ther. about 50° — 60° — 50° . Rose as usual. After school had lunch. Then took my gun & Billy & went up to the pond. Shot two Rusties. Then saw a Corn. Coot in the swamp and fired at him. Then finding that the meadows were full of Snipe. I began on them & quickly shot five, when it became too dark to shoot. Billy behaved admirably & made a great many points. After supper cleaned my long gun for tomorrow.

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Friday, October 16.

Clear and a most
lovely day. Ther. about
50° - 70° - 60°.
Rose at 4.30 A. M.
I went up to the pond
taking Billy. Took out
my large boat and
skulled all over the
pond. Finally shot
two Corn. Coots at the
mouth of Ashwip brook,
both flying. Then went
into the meadows & shot
eight Snipe without
missing but failed to kill
the ninth. Saw a Green
Heron & heard Swamp
Sparrows singing. Billy
made a number of points.
Coming home a fellow shot a
Coot at the foot of the lane.
Took the 2.30 P. M. train
for Concord & found Dan
laying out.

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Saturday, October 17.

Cloudy & snowed fast
all the A. M. about
four inches falling.
Ther. about 40° -
32° - 30°. Rose at 5.30
A. M. with Dan, & taking
his boat pulled up the
river to Fairhaven bay.
Saw a Fox and fired at
him at about 100 yards
distance. Also started
a Black Duck twice.
Saw a Gr. Blue Heron.
Had to pull, all the way
back against the driving
storm & by the time we
reached home we were chilled
through. Took the 7.30 train
home. In P. M. went up
to 'the pond' where R. Dana
had just shot some brown
Mourning ducks of Butcher.
Studied at B. in evening.

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Sunday, October 18.

Clear but very cold
& winterish! Ther.
about 28° 45° —
 40° . Rose as usual.
Attend church in
A.M. took a ride &
called to see R. Deane
in P.M. leaves all dropping
Much of the snow of
yesterday still remaining
in the fields. The
ground froze hard
last night.

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Monday, October 19.

Cloudy & rained most
of the day. Ther. above
 55° — 60° — 60° .
Rose at 4.30 A.M.
& went up to the pond.
Went out with Ruth in
my large boat. Came across
a flock of about a dozen
Red. Ducks in the dark
and killed one as they
rose. Got another shot
also killing one.
Russell killed two
but Ruth none.
Saw one probably an
adult nearly all white.
Got home at 7.15 A.M.
After school went up to
the pond. Took a very
long shot at a flying Green
Wing & killed him on the
Glacialis. Got back at 6 P.M.
Uncle Albert & Minnie
came in the evening.

Tuesday, October 20.

Clear and pleasant.
Ther. about 50° —
 65° — 50° .

Rose at 4.30 A.M.
and went up to the
pond. Took my little
boat & got out before Ruth
came. He had to smell
all the morning as
somebody had stolen our
oars. Got only one, & that
a long flying shot at a
Buffle Head but killed
him. Got back in time
for breakfast. After
school studied & rode
up to 'the pond' with
Thos. & found that Pat
Skinn's had taken our oars.
Came directly home &
began on my Buffle
Head. R. Dean called in
evening. Let Dart run
to day for the first time.

Wednesday, October 21.

Cloudy. Began to rain
at 12 M. & rained
hard the rest of the day.
Ther. about 40° — 50°
 50° . Rose at 4.30
A.M. and went up
'the pond'. Pulled across
'the pond' with Ruth in
our large boat, towing the
small one. Tried to find
our oars but could not.
Pulled around in my
small boat & then went
over to the Glacialis but
not a gun was fired in the
neighborhood during the
morning. Ruth finally got
our oars. Got home to
breakfast. After school
studied as usual and
plucked two Buddies &
my Year. Cleaned my
long gun in the evening.

Thursday, October 22.

cloudy and rained
several times during
the day. Snowed a
little in the evening.
Ther. about 40° - 46° -
 38° . Rose as usual
After school had lunch.
Then went up to R.

Dean's and we made
some block with three
pins for our large boat.
Then went up to the
pond taking our guns
and fixed on the blocks.
Pulled across the
pond together & also had
a sail. Saw three small
Geese of some kind or other
pass over 'the pond'.
Several ducks had been
seen there during the
forenoon. In evening
studied at the R. The
beavers of most of the
trees are off.

Friday, October 23.

Clear but cold. Ther.
about 30° - 40° -
 32° . Rose at 4.30 A.M.
and went up to 'the
pond'. I took my small
boat out while Ruth had
the larger one. He started
a large flock of Geese from
the pond where they had
passed the night. Saw
and chased a number
of Muddy Ducks but
did not fire a shot. Had
both my double barrells.
Heard the first Tree
Sparrow to day.

After school went
up to 'the pond' & fixed
kettles in the sculling
hole & rowlocks. Went thru
the meadows but saw no Snipe.
Saw an Eagle Snipe this noon
in Cambridge Port.

Saturday, October 24.

Saw Brown Cranes. Saw the last Kingfisher.

Clear and very cold.
 Ther. about 24° - 40° &
 45° . Rose at 4.30 A.M.
 went up to the pond.
 Got on to four Wood
 Ducks before light but
 as Charles Chin. was close
 behind me fired a long shot &
 only wounded one which got off.
 Saw numbers of ducks on the
 pond. At about 10 A.M. went
 over to the Sluic. & shot an old
 pair of Green Wings together with
 a young one. Coming back to the
 pond 6 Canvas Backs lit & I
 got nearly on to them when a
 train started them up & I fired a
 long shot (missed). Then R. Dean
 got on to them & stopped his but
 did not get either. Got back at 11
 A.M. & after a lunch went back
 to the pond. Fred. Hitt. shot a Bl.
 Wing Teal Richardson a Rff.
 Grouse & I saw 9 ducks on
 the pond that were unknown
 to me.

Sunday, October 25.

A.M. clear, P.M.
 cloudy. Ther. about
 45° - 58° - 50°
 Rose as usual. Attended
 church in A.M. In
 P.M. rode over to Stoughton
 with father & saw Darling.
 R. Dean called in
 the evening & stayed
 several hours.

Monday, October 26.

A. N. cloudy & moist;
P. N. clear. Ther. about
50° — 55° — 45°.

Rose at 4.30 A.M. & getting Bill up to harness Tiger ~~rode~~ up to the Glacier & set out my tame duck before light. Nothing came in during the morning. Heard numbers of Snipe flying about before light. Saw Tit Larks & Pin Finches. Rode over to the pond & saw young Barker scuttling up to them. Budding Ducks. Got back to breakfast. In

P. M. stuffed my pair
of Green Wings but did
not have time to set them
up. Gave two of them to
Mr. Russell for his club
supper. I practice X-ray
every evening now ^{on Monday}
 & ^{on Tuesday} ^{on Wednesday} ^{on Thursday} ^{on Friday} ^{on Saturday} ^{on Sunday}

Tuesday, October 27.

Clear and pleasant.
P.M. very windy. Ther. about
32° - 45° - 50°. Rose
at 4.30 A.M. & met R. Dean
at his gate. Took out my small
boat. Started five or six Whistles
from the pond and as they
circled around the place,
almost musical whistle of their
wings trailing through the still air
was very impressive. Then
heard a North "Cataw" repeated
a number of times & found it
to be a Duck Bird (large size)
which I shot. Saw another
duck of some kind or other. Then
went over to Smith's & shot a
Common Coot. Heard a Snow Bunting.
Got back at 11 A.M. after lunch
took Tiger & Bully & tried the
woods in Lex. & Waltham &
shot a Rabbit. Saw Crow Blackbird
& Rusties. The R's shot a large
Gleaner

Wednesday, October 28.

Birds this morning
George Barker shot 10 birds.

Clear and pleasant.

Ther. about 60° - 65°

48°. Rose as usual

and did not go up

to 'the pond' as I

thought it was too warm.

Got out of school at

12 M. After eating

my lunch took Billy

and went up to 'the

pond' intending to go into the

swamp: but as they said there

were ducks on the pond I went

out in my large boat. Chased

five Dumb Birds around all

the afternoon & shot two

of them. When swimming

in search they erect their

tails & they at last took to

diving. Sailed back to the

engine house at a tremendous

rate. Drew up my small boat on

the shore for to-morrow morning

& in so doing strained my

side badly & an unknown

Thursday, October 29.

Clear & pleasant.

Ther. about 25° - 45° - 32°

Rose at 4.30 A. M.

& went up to the pond.

It was quite cold but

nothing came into the

pond except a flock of

six ducks, which I judge

were Golden Eggs, from

the whistling of their wings.

Then went over to the Glacier

& saw a Black Duck.

In P. M. went over to

Smith's pond but did

not see anything.

Studied in evening.

bird pushed over me in the morning uttering a succession of

Friday, October 30.

Clear and cold. Ther.
about 28° - 40° - 30°.
Rose at 4.30 A.M.
& went up to 'the pond'.
Pulled around in my
light boat - nothing
came in, I went over
to the glaciers. While
there a Buddy Duck
came on the pond, &
Ruth got it. After
school went up into
Loxington taking Billy.
At his first point
fired at & missed two
H. Grouse & a Rabbit,
all of which came out of
the same bush. Then
Billy found a Woodcock
which I fired at three
times. Got home at
6 P.M.

Saturday, October 31.

A. M. clear & cold.
P. M. cloudy & warm.
Ther. about 22° - 40° - 50°.
Rose at 4.45 A.M. &
rode up to 'the pond', tying
Tiger at the water works.
Stayed out till 8 A.M.
but nothing came in.
Then took Ruth up into
Lex. & Waltham. He shot
a Crow from the wagon, & I
shot a female Quail on Rock
Meadow. Then over to Thomas's
pond & saw large numbers
of ducks. Fired at a Gr. Wing
Teal & a H. Grouse. Saw a
large flock of Snow Buntings, also
Rusties, Fox Colours, Marsh
Hawks & Robins. Got home
at 2 P.M. & shot two Pine
Grosbeaks in the yard.
In P.M. plucked some
ducks for dinner.

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Sunday, November 1.

Cloudy & rained nearly
all the time. Ther.
about 60° - 60° -
50°. Rose as usual
& shaved. Spent
most of the day in
the house and
did not go to church.
R. Dean. called in
P. M. & J. C. Nichols
in the evening.
The leaves are all
off, but the grass
is still quite green.

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Monday, November 2.

Cloudy & rained
most of ev. M. For P. M.
it snowed hard for
some time. Ther. about
34° — 38° — 34°.

Rose as usual.
after school (which
began to day at 8.45
A. M.) had lunch.
Then went up to the
R's & studied. after
dinner at 5 P. M.
stuffed the Quail,
shot Saturday.
Went to bed at 10 P. M.

Tuesday, November 3.

A. M. cloudy &
 snowed a good deal.
 P. M. clear & pleasant.
 Ther. about 32° - 40° -
 30°. Rose as usual.
 Walked down to
 school through the
 square where the
 election was going on.
 After school had
 lunch and cleaned
 both my guns.
 Then went up to the
 R's & studied till 5
 P. M. Then rode up to
 'the pond' & baled out
 my small boat which
 was nearly full of
 water. In evening stuffed
 the fine Grosbeak (young
 male) shot Saturday.
 Went to bed at 10.30 P. M.
 Saw a Night Heron probably
 the last.

Wednesday, November 4.

Clear and a beautiful
 day. Ther. about 26° -
 30° - 34°. Rose at
 4.30 A. M. Got Bill up
 & had Siger harnessed.
 Rode up to Sturman's
 pond taking Billy &
 getting there just as it
 was getting light.
 Set out my duck but
 he would not quack
 decently. I shot two ducks
 probably G. W. That party
 within shot, but they
 would come no nearer.
 Got back to breakfast after
 having a glorious ride.
 After school took a ride
 with R. Dean, in his buggy
 through Waverly & Belmont.
 Then studied with Mrs.
 At 7.30 P. M. went up
 to Dr. Weyman's to see "The
 Spirit of '76" & a farce

Thursday, November 5.

Cloudy & rained
most of P. M.

Ther. about 40°-50°-
38°. Rose at usual.

Walked down to school
with the boys.

Refrained from whipping
& accordingly got

dismissed ten hours
early. After having

lunch went up to
'the pond' with Theo.

Pulled across in my
small boat and then

as it began to rain, got
under the shelter of

an ice house, & stayed there
with Theo over an hour.

Then went over to Smith's
pond but saw nothing.

Studied in evening. Saw
Sparrows exceedingly

numerous. Saw another
Pine Grosbeak in our
yard.

Friday, November 6.

Clear & a lovely day.

Ther. about 38°-56°-40°

Rose at 5 A. M. & went
up to 'the pond'. Pilled

about all the afternoon
in my small boat but

did not see a duck of
any description. Coming

home shot a Hairy
Woodpecker & saw a flock

of six or seven White Winged
& Common Crossbills

of both sexes. After school
I had lunch. Then took

Dart, & rode up to Sherman's
pond with Tiger. Set

out a wooden trap for
tomorrow morning.

Then crept on to two Green
Wings & after missing the sitting

shot, killed a young male flying
off. Dart pitched him in.

On the way up fired a splendid
shot at a Red Tailed Hawk.

from the wagon. The trap

make several very fine ones in winter.

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Saturday, November 7.

Clear and a most
lovely day. Ther. about
24° — 50° — 24°.

Rose at 4 A. M. &
after getting Tiger
harnessed rode up to
Shuman's pond. Saw
a mink in Waverly,
at the pond a Black duck
went out as I approached.
Set out my ducks, but
as nothing came in
sight, I ~~made~~ stalked
two Ruddy Ducks feeding
near the shore & killed one
which Billy retrieved. Saw
many an acre of Rusty & Green
blackbirds, also two H. Grouse
& a Woodcock. Coming home saw
Crows & a Yellow Rump.
Shot a female Red tailed Hawk
from the wagon. Got home at
10 A. M. Spent the rest of the
day in stuffing him. At 9
P. M. finished him & studied on.

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Sunday, November 8.

Cloudy & rained several
times. Ther. about 40° —
50° — 40°. Rose as
usual & shaved. In A. M.
attended church with
my cousin Clara. In
P. M. read & wrote &
walked with J. Nichols.
Took tea at his house
in the evening.
After I got home wrote
to Sam & C. Carter.

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Monday, November 9.

Cloudy & rained most
of the time. Ther. about
40° — 45° — 40°

Rose as usual.

Rode down to school
in the car as my
back has troubled me
lately very badly.

Also rode home from
school. After lunch
went up to the R's &
studied all the

P. M. In evening
stuffed the Hairy
Woodpecker (female)
shot last Friday (6th)



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Tuesday, November 10.

Cloudy & rained all day.
Ther. about 40° — 50° —
40°. Rose as usual

& rode down to school
although my back was
much better to day.

Also rode home.

After lunch picked
the Gr. W. Seal shot
Friday last, & R. Deane
called in & stayed.
till dinner time.

After supper went
up to the R's & studied
all the evening.

The leaves are now
all off, & the aspect of
the country desolate in
the extreme.

Wednesday, November 11.

Cloudy & rained
nearly all day.
Ther. about 42° ---
50° --- 34°. Rose
as usual and shaved.
Walked down to
school. After getting
back from school had
lunch as usual.
Then made some
varnish for coloring
birds feet & legs.
In evening studied
at the R's.

Thursday, November 12.

Clear but very
windy. Ther. about
40° --- 45° --- 30°.
Rose as usual.
Coming home from
school dropped in at
Beynam Hall & saw
the two double guns
(Ellis break & muzzle loader)
Took three shares in
them. In P. M. Studied
at R's. In the evening
went down to the
Hall with mother &
Clara and saw the
Tableaux. Got home
at about 11 P. M.

Friday, November 13.

Clear & a most lovely day. Ther. about 24° - 40° - 30° . Rode as usual. On the way to school while passing the Backus place, heard a strange cry (kr-kr-kr-kr-kr-a-a-a) & on looking saw the author of the sound, a genuine Canada Woodpecker (*Picus Canadensis* of Audubon) for a few moments a Shrike attacked him, & drove ^{him} some distance. After school took Tiger in father's buggy & picking up Farrar took a ride up through Lex. & back through Waltham. Saw about eight Common Crossbills feeding on a stubble field & hopping about like so many Sparrows.

Saturday, November 14.

Clear and ~~very~~ warm for the season. Ther. about 30° - 60° - 30° . Rode at 5 A. M. Got Bill up & had Tiger harnessed. Rode up to Sherman's pond getting there by sunrise. Saw large quantities of meteors, some of them very large & splendid. Shot a Lesser Redpoll. Saw R. Dean with his team. He shot his first Woodcock today. Then rode over to the turnpike & shot a Gray Squirrel. Saw two Pine Grosbeaks. Got back at 10. Took the N. A. W. train for Concord. Went out with Dan & each of us, shot a Squirrel. I also shot a Hairy Woodpecker. Took the C. & S. train home, & found Bill waiting at Post 1st.

Sunday, November 15.

A. M. cloudy. P. M.
clear. Ther. about
40° - 45° - 40°.
Woke as usual & shaved.
attended church in
a. m. In P. M. Took
a walk up around
the pond with R. Dean.
The bulls come into
the pond regularly
now, every morning.

Read & studied most
of evening.

Monday, November 16.

Clear and a beautiful
day. Ther. about 30° -
40° - 26°. Rose as
usual. After school
rode up through
Belmont in my open
buggy. Saw a Red Tailed
Hawk sitting in a field
near the roadside, &
riding through a gate into
the field, got a long flying
shot, and killed it.
Then beat the neighboring
thickets for Woodcock, but
found none. Then rode over
Hill. Kill & tried again.
Billy found & pointed a R.
Grouse, but it got out of
range. He also started a
rabbit. Came home by Smith's
pond where I saw two ducks. Tied
my horse & got a fellow to paddle
me after them but they dove
out of range. Fired a long
shot at one of them.

Tuesday, November 17.

Cloudy & cold. Ther.
about 26° — 34° — 32° .
Rose as usual.

After school took my
shooting wagon &
Billy & rode over to
Smith's pond. There
shot one of *F. r. r.*
decoy ducks, taking
it for a wild one, as
I could only see
its head. Saw a
Ruddy Duck in the
pond but could not
get a shot at it.

Got back at 5.30 P.M.

In evening studied at
the B.S. The Glacis
is frozen over.

Wednesday, November 18.

Cloudy & rained
hard all day.

Ther. about, 40° —
 40° — 34° . Rose
as usual.

Walked down to
school with Theo & got
late. Rode home from
school as it was raining
hard. There made a
stand for my hawk
(shot Monday) & shipped
him finishing at
8 P.M. Then studied
at the B.S.

Thursday, November 19.

Cloudy but did not rain. Cleared off at sunset. Ther. about 30° - 40° - 24.

Rose at 6 A. M. and went up to the pond. Bald out my mail boat and killed about all the morning but did not see anything but a Crow. Got back to breakfast.

Rivited the first three hours, & got dismissed after eating lunch rode up to the pond taking Geo. Fred Tiger & went out after a flock of about fifty Gulls but did not get a shot at them.

Then rode over to Smith's & paid Frost. Fired at an adult Ruddy Duck, which Frost finished & gave to me.

Friday, November 20.

Clear and pleasant. Ther. about 80° - 45° - 30° . Rose as usual. Rivited the first three hours & got dismissed at noon. After eating lunch, took Tiger & rode up to the pond. Tried to get a shot at a number of Gulls that were sitting on the pond but they all went out. Fired at a Crow and broke the forward trigger of my long gun. Rode over to Smith's pond but did not see anything. Had to touch off my gun with a cracker. Got home in time for dinner. After dinner B. Deane called & a little later Dan came in from Concord.

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Saturday, November 21.

Alternately cloudy
& clear. Ther. about
28° — 35° — 30°.

Rose as usual.

After breakfast harnessed
up Tiger and took
Dan down to John
Hopkinson's where he
got his gun. Then rode
up to the pond & took
a sail. Then rode up
through Belmont & Dan
bought a Long Eared
Owl for 25cts. Then
kept on up to Sherman's
pond, but did not
fire a shot during the
day. Had lunch at
about 1 P. M. & built
a fire. Got home
at 5 P. M. In evening
I stuffed the male Dumb
Bird shot the other day &
Dan skinned his Owl.

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Sunday, November 22.

Cloudy but rather warm.
Ther. About 30° — 45° —
30°. Rose as usual
and shaved. Attended
church in A. M. with
Dan. In P. M. took
a walk with J. Nichols
& Deane. Called in
evening & took tea with
us.

Monday, November 23.

Clear and a most beautiful day.
Ther. about 28° — 45° — 30° . Therm
as usual. After
breakfast fired twice
at my pigeons flying
over and wounded
one of them badly. Then
caught my poorest dog
and took him up to
the pond & Dan & Jack
taking a boat let him
out, and after firing about
a dozen times at him
I finished him. Then
went over to Smith's
pond but did not see
anything. Got back at 3
P. M. after eating a lunch
took Tiger in my wagon & with
Dan set a trap for a rabbit &
another for a mink in the
juniper swamp. After that the
wagon went back to the
house & I saw several gulls on the pond.

Tuesday, November 24.

Clear and warm
with a southerly wind.
Ther. about 28° — 48° —
 35° . Rose as usual,
after breakfast had
Tiger harnessed, and
set off. I stopped first at
the fields near the pond
& had a "pigeon shoot",
killing six out of eight,
each there. Went to my
traps but found nothing
caught. Heard some Pin. Gros.
Then kept on into Waltham
& started a 'covey' of about a
dozen Quail. Followed them
up all day & I killed none
only. Fired five shots at them.
Billy made four brilliant
points, & did not run into
a single bird. Dan fired one
shot at a single bird. Saw a
Gray Squirrel. Got back at
5 P. M.

Wednesday, November 25.

at 11. clear & remarkably warm, & sunny for the season. Ther. about 30° — 45° — 30° .

Rose at 6.30 A.M. with Dan. Called Bill up, & had Tiger harnessed. Rode directly up to Waltham & tied our horse. We soon found our bag of Quail on a southerly hillside, & I stopped one as they went up. Billy got two more points, but I missed one, & did not fire at the other. Then shot two handsome male White Wing Crossbills, one of which I gave to Dan.

Had lunch at 12 o'clock. Afterward shot a young Pine Grosbeak & a Blue Jay. After dinner took Dan up to Porter's station where he left for home.

Thursday, November 26.

Rainy as Thanksgiving always is. Ther about 40° — 40° — 40° .

Rose as usual.

After breakfast had the General harnessed in the covered buggy & rode as far as Brighton with J. Nichols, when it commenced to rain so hard that we were obliged to turn back.

After dinner rode over to see Mr. Barnes, in my open buggy. When I got home found R. Deane in the barn, & talked with him for some time. Read most of the evening.

Friday, November 27.

Clear but very windy.
Ther. about 38° - 40° -
 38° . Rose at 6 A.M. 16.
& went up to 'the
pond'. The wind was
blowing a perfect gale,
but the Gulls got there
by sunrise. Fired
one shot only & that
a very long one, at a
gull. Saw several
Gulls on the Glacialis.
Got back to breakfast.
Then went into Boston
with R. Deane. Called
to see Samuels first.
Then selected some cloth
for a new suit, at J. Nichols
& son's. Then went through
Quincy Market, down
to Sam Turner's, to Brad's,
Lovel's, & finally to Copeland's,
where we had some
oysters. Got one of Boston
at 5 P.M. Brad met & we went

Saturday, November 28.

Clear and warm.
Ther. about 24° - 45° -
 30° . Rose as usual.
After breakfast R. Deane
called & I went off with
him in his buggy.
Rode over to Stonham
& called first to see the
elder Sprague, but he
was not at home. Then
called at his son's & talked
with him for some time.
Then rode up through
Stonham & across towards
Winchester. Fied the horse.
& I shot a female Wh. Wing
Bristle but spoilt her.
Came back through Arlington.
Stopped at 'the pond' & found a
hole knocked in the bottom of
our large boat. Got home at
3 P.M. Took bill & the tip cart,
& got my small boat
home.
Died in evening.

Sunday, November 29.

Alternately cloudy & clear. Ther. about 36° — 40° — 34° . Rose as usual. Attended church in A. M. as usual. Read most of P. M. Wrote most of evening. Snowed a little last night.

Monday, November 30.

Cloudy & very chilly. Ther. about 26° — 40° — 33° . Rose as usual. Walked down with Theo. & called at Dalton's. Went into Boston from school. Called first at 18 Corn. Wharf to see about having a boat made, but they could do nothing for me. Then called at Eragin's, Broad St. & looked over his boats but decided on nothing. Took an ice cream at Popland's. Got out at 5 P. M. After dinner studied at the Pt. In evening went down to the High School Debating Club, & heard Lincen & Prohibition. Got back at 9.30 P. M.

Tuesday, December 1.

Cloudy all day.
 Morning broke morning,
 fast & it continued
 morning, until 12.16.
 when it ceased, about
 two inches having fallen.
 Ther about 24° - 26° -
 20° . There at 6.30 A.M.
 and went up to the pond.
 Walked up along the
 shore as far as Barnard's
 core, but as I saw nothing
 came home. After
 school had lunch as
 usual. Then took Billy
 and rode up to Waltham.
 Deal for the suit that
 I found last week, but
 was unable to come across
 there. Got back at 5.30
 P.M. Saw several Redpolls
 this morning. Studied
 at the R. in the evening.

Wednesday, December 2.

Clear but very windy.
 Ther. about 48° - 36° -
 16° . Rose as usual
 and shaved. Walked
 down to school with
 the boys. Went home
 with Henshaw after
 school & took lunch
 with him. Looked
 over his collection of
 shells, and then went
 out on the railroad
 with him, but did
 not see any thing, and
 as it was very cold &
 windy, we came back.
 Rode up in the car
 getting home at about
 4.15 P.M. In evening studied
 at the R. Went to bed
 at 10 P.M. There was
 shooting on Dr. Worcester's
 ground.

Thursday, December 3.

Clear and a beautiful day. Ther. about $18^{\circ} - 40^{\circ} - 28^{\circ}$

Rose as usual. After school R. Deane called in. Then Farrar called & I went up to the Glacial's skating, with him. The ice was almost perfectly smooth, & quite strong. There were there perhaps thirty persons, most of the collegeans. I skated till dark & then came home with R. Deane. He shot a 'Black Duck' today on 'the pond' & saw a large flock of Sheldrakes. The 'Black Duck' was among Butters & was very tame. Studied at 8 in evening.

Friday, December 4.

Clear but cold & chilly. Ther. about $24^{\circ} - 30^{\circ} - 22^{\circ}$

Rose at 6 A.M. & went up to the pond taking Dart. Saw several Gulls, & a small Duck, probably a Muddy Duck, that kept diving for food, in Cambridge nook. Did not get a shot at anything. Nearly all of Cambridge nook, was frozen. Got back to breakfast. In P.M. went up to the boat house & tried to get a boat, but could not. The same Duck was in the nook. Shot a small Winter Wren. Got back at 5 P.M. Stuffed the Wren after dinner.

Saturday, December 5.

Cloudy all day.

Commenced to snow out
about 11 A.M. and snowed
hard till dark, about
six inches falling.

Rose as usual. Shot
two male Pine Grosbeaks
before breakfast, & wounded
another out of a flock
of five the remaining
two being young birds.

After breakfast a flock of
seven or eight young birds
came in. After breakfast
went up to the pond
taking Billy but found
both that & Smith's frozen.

Did not get a shot at any
thing. Got back at 1 P.M.

In P.M. & evening stuffed
the two male Grosbeaks,
& R. Dean called. In
evening studied.

Sunday, December 6.

Clear and pleasant
Ther. about 26° - 32° .
 26° Rose as usual &
shaved. In A.M. attended
church. In P.M. walked
up to 'the pond' with R.
Dean & looked at our
boat which is frozen in.
The shooting was quite
good to day.

Monday, December 7.

Cloudy. Snowed a little in A.M. P.M. warm with southerly wind & pouring torrents of rain. Ther. about 24° - 40° - 46° . Rose as usual. Walked down with Thos. after getting back from school had lunch as usual. Thos. helped father get his sleighs down. In latter part of P.M. chanced both my double guns, & put the longest away for the winter. Studied at H's in the evening.

Tuesday, December 8.

A.M. cloudy & snowed a good deal. P.M. clear and very windy. 36° - 38° - 30° . Rose at 6 A.M. & went up to 'the pond'. Shot a Herring Gull off Peckell Point. He flew out & dropped; then drifted into the ice. Sam Dalton and he came near getting drowned in getting out again. Saw two male Buff-breasted Chergansers, and a female. Got back at quarter past eight, & was late to school. In P.M. went up to the pond with H. Dean & got our large boat home. Got my Gull coming across the lake, & found great difficulty in getting free from the ice. Got my snowsuit with coat tails at Dalton's this evening.

Wednesday, December 9.

Cold & blew a perfect gale of wind. Ther. about 20° ... 30° 24° .
 Rose at 6 A.M. & went up to the pond. The gulls did not however get there until just as I was leaving, so I did not get any shots. Got back to breakfast. After school went up to the pond. There were only two gulls in, but I quickly got a shot at one, an adult female; & brought her down with a broken wing. Billy fetched her out of the water. Then B. Leam came up, & we went over to the hotel & saw the six remaining Hooded Merg. In evening studied at the B's as usual.

Thursday, December 10.

Clear but comparatively still. Ther about 12° — 24° — 16° . Rose as usual. Immediately after getting back from school, began on my Gull, & by eight in the evening had him ready to be set up. Then went up to the B's & studied as usual.

Friday, December 11.

Cloudy & very cold.
Ther. about 10° - 26° -
 20° . Rose as usual.
Walked down to
school alone.
After lunch finished
the Gull stuffed
yesterday. Then Henshaw
called & I went up
to see R. Deane with
him. Then had
Tiger harnessed &
took him home, through
Wrighton. In the
morning read & wrote.
The ground is in the
most part bare & frozen
hard, but there is still
considerable snow lying
under the fences & in
sheltered places.

Saturday, December 12.

Clear but cold.
Ther. about 20° - 28° -
 20° . Rose as usual.
After breakfast had
Tiger harnessed. Rode
up to the Pine Swamp
first & got my muskrat
traps. Then kept on
into Wallburn. I shot
a common Geostel &
saw a large flock of Geostels.
Then found my Quail,
& stopped on at the first
rise getting both Curlews
into them, but he afterwards
got off. Fired two hot men
at ring birds, over Billy's
"point" but missed them
both. On the way home
saw a Red jacked Hawk
& a rooked leather. Got & killed
saw a Thrush. Got back at
3 P.M. Pulled & tarred my
old boat & got in into the
barn

Sunday, December 13.

Clear & comparatively
warm. Ther. about
14° - 31° - 20°.

Rose as usual &
shaved. Attended
church in A. M.

In P. M. took a walk
up to the pond with
the dogs. The ice in
the cove was all smooth
as glass, & the skaters
were numerous.

Got back at 4.30 P. M.
Wrote most of evening.

Monday, December 14.

Clear and calm.
Ther. about 10° - 28° -
20°. Thore as usual.
After eating lunch
went up to the pond
with R. Deane. Found
Cambridge north covered
with skaters & the ice
smooth. Skated all
the afternoon & met
Tom, Chase, Whittmore,
H. Reed, Farrar, Allen,
J. Swain, Fred. Hittinger
& others. Nearly the
entire middle of the
pond it still open
but the coves are all
closed. Kutchniks
are still abundant.
Walked home with
Farrar & R. Deane.

Studied at R. in the
evening. Wrote out list Latin
words today.

Tuesday, December 15.

Clear and comparatively
warm. Ther. about
 $16^{\circ} - 31^{\circ} - 16^{\circ}$.

Rose as usual.

Walked down with
the boys. After eating
lunch went up to
'the pond' with E. Dodge.
A slight drizzle of snow
fell last night, & it
has almost ruined the
skating. Skated all
the afternoon. R. Egan,
J. Swain, Fred. Hiltner,
Devons & others were
on the ice. The whole of
'the pond' froze over
last night for the
first time this year.

Got back in time for
dinner. In evening studied
at the R. Wrote circ second
Latin Comp. paper to day.
Percentage yesterday 53

Wednesday, December 16.

Cloudy & chilly
but did not snow.
Ther. about $14^{\circ} - 32^{\circ}$.

20° . Rose as usual.

Went into Boston

from school and met
father at the bird store.

Looked at some Thrushes
& saw a Velocipede.

Then father came home
& I went up to Cragin's

& Sheldon's & bought
the skiff that I looked

at before. Got home
in time for dinner.

Studied at the R. as
usual, in the evening.

Percentage of yesterday
Latin Comp. 20

Thursday, December 17.

Clear & very pleasant.
Ther. at 11 - 25° -
28° - 34°.

Rose as usual.

Walked down with
the boys. In kicking
football at recess got
thrown on the frozen
ground & got a severe
bruise on the back.

Wrote our third Latin
Comp. paper to day.

Par. 53. In P. M.
went to work on my
old skiff & made

& fitted two seats before
dark. Studied at the
Ps' in the evening.

R. Deane shot two
shore larks near the
river to day.

Heard some Pine
Grosbeaks.

Friday, December 18.

Clear. A. M. warm
& pleasant. P. M. clear
but very cold.

Thur. about - 36° - 32°
22°. Rose as usual.

Walked down with
B. Dodge. My back is
very lame to day.

In P. M. finished
“tinkering” my boat.

In evening went
down to the Lyceum
Hall with mother to
private theatricals.

Stayed “our best society.”
Did not get home till
10 P. M. The ground is
now entirely bare again.

All the ponds are
closed with ice but
the skating is fine.

Saturday, December 19.

Clear but very cold, in fact the coldest day that we have had. Ther. about 5° - 20° - 10° .

Woke as usual. At breakfast with my gun & Billy & started shooting. Went up to Watertown. Billy found a Rf. Grouse opposite the cemetery but he could not find it a second time. Kept on through the "Feeding Grounds": shot a Snow Bird & a Goldfinch for measurements & saw Pin Grosbeaks, & Purple Finches. Coming home again found the Partridge & at the second rise knocked her over handsomely at a long cross shot. Stuffed her in P. H. & evening. Also studied at R's in evening.

Sunday, December 20.

Cloudy all day. Snowed all A. M. Rained all P. M. & cleared off all the snow. Ther. about 20° - 36° - 42° . Woke as usual. In A. M. attended the singing of ~~the offertory~~ the Unitarian church. Read 2nd & 3rd in evening.

Wednesday, December 23.

Clear but very cold.
Thur. about 10° - 25° -
 16° . Rose as usual.
Walked down with
'the boys'. Wrote the fifth
Latin Comp. to day.
at by per. 60.
After getting home
from school skinned.
& stretched the three
musk rats shot
yesterday & R. Deane,
who got back from
it. Took last night,
called in. Then walked
at the R's. In the
evening stuffed the
barn. Crockett shot
Dec. 12 a week & a half
ago.

Thursday
Tuesday, December 24

Clear but excessively
cold. Thur. about 16° -
 20° - 6° . Rose as
usual. Dart dismissed
at once. After eating
lunch, took Dart &
started off on foot, shooting.
Went up first through the
Swamp which was frozen
almost solid. They were
making a road through
the upper part of it, &
Simpson's field is shortly
to be converted into a brick
yard. Then through the
Robin swamp & Pine Woods
into Belmont. Found my
Musk rat brook entirely
closed by ice. Came back
across Smith's & Fresh ponds
on the former of which the ice
was twelve & on the latter about
eight inches thick.
Studied at R's.

~~Monday~~ ^{Monday}, December 21.

Clear and very warm
with a southerly wind.
In fact such a day
as would do credit to
April itself, & altogether
out of place in thick
December. Ther. about
35° - 45° - 30°

Rose as usual. Walked
down with the boys.
Thos. having a bad headache
was absent to day.

Came home through
the Square & bought half
a pound of pork.

Then I got some fixings
the seats of my old boat.
Aby new boat was sent
out from Boston to day.
In P.M. took a ride
through Belmont & Waverly,
taking Dork & saw a
muskrat in the brook near
Belmont. Studied in the

Tuesday, December 22

Mr. & Mrs. Dexter got home
Clear and almost as
warm & pleasant as
yesterday. Ther. about
25° - 35° - 28°

Rose as usual & walked
down with the boys.

After getting back from
school had lunch as usual.

Then had Tiger harnessed
& rode up to the Belmont
brook where I tied him.

First got a long shot at a
muskrat on the ice & killed
him. Then got a close shot
at one swimming partly
under water & Dork killed
him out as he was in his death
struggle. Then got another close
shot, & killed the rat with a
charge of No. 12. Walked up to
Belmont & saw three Tit
Larks. The muskrat & the
first two were very large &
the third somewhat smaller.

Studied at P.M.

Write our first Lat. Comp. Nov. 16

... at ...

Sunday, December 27.

Cloudy but did not
snow. Ther. about
1° — 25° —

Rose as usual &
shaved. Did not attend
church on account of
my bad cold.

Wrote in my record
most of the day.
Saw a Chukatch &
a Hairy Woodpecker.

Monday, December 28.

Clear and a very
pleasant day. Ther.
about 24° — 36° — 24°

About four inches of
snow fell last night.

Rose a little early to
study my arithmetic.
After school walked into
Boston with the Rs.
Looked at several
kinds of club skates
but made no selection.

J. Russell bought a pair
of the seven dollar clubs.

Rode out, getting home
at 6.45 P.M. Studied
in evening at the Rs,
but only got my Greek.

At 7.30 P.M. went into
Prof. Horsford's to see
some theatricals & was
introduced to Gertrude.

Went to bed at 10 P.M.

Wrote the first Greek comp.
problem. Per. 47

Tuesday, December 29.

Cloudy all day.
 Chased off in the
 evening. Rained during
 the latter part of P.M.
 Ther. about 14° to 40° -
 32° . Rose a little
 early and studied
 Arith. After getting
 back from school
 had Tiger harnessed.
 Just as I was starting
 R. Dean called and
 wanted me to go over to
 the river for tom cod.
 Rode up into Waltham
 & tried Clematis brook
 for muskrats, but
 did not see any.
 Got quite wet
 coming home.
 Studied at the P's
 in the evening.

Wednesday, December 30.

Clear and pleasant.
 Ther. about 14° - 30° -
 24° . Rose a little early
 and studied. Walked
 down to school with
 the boys. Went into
 Boston from school
 to fulfill an appointment
 at Dr. Stearns's. He
 excavated one of my
 teeth and in so doing
 touched on the nerve.
 He however managed to
 fill it with a kind of
 paste that will become
 hard. Also went up to
 see Mr. Samuels & found
 him mounting parasites.
 Then went up to Tremont
 St. & bought a pair of
 $\$7\frac{1}{2}$ club shoes. Got out
 at 8.30 P.M. Studied at
 P's in evening.

Thursday, December 31.

Cloudy but did not snow. Ther. about 26° — 36° — 30°.

Rose a little early & shaved. Walked down to school with the boys. After getting back from school read till father came out from Boston bringing my boots in which the plates had been set for my club skates. Then went up to the pond with Farrar & J. Burrill and skated till nearly six. Got the "redox"

The pond was smooth in places but the skating as a general thing was not very good.

Was invited into Prof. Horsford's to tea but did not get home in time to go.

Friday, January 1, 1869.

Birds shot at Bay from Aug 15
Sept. 2nd 1868

Yellow Legs — 30
Teal 3
Tall Tales 3
Snipe — Red Breasted — 7
" — English 3
Ringed Plover probably about 20
Turnstones 1
Grass Birds 2
Common Rails — 1
Sandhogs 2
Solitary Sandpiper — 2
Pup. Uncertain; probably about 200
Kingfisher 4
Gray Backs 3

Sandpiper — male
Shot at Bay Aug 20 68
Length to end of tail — 9 inch
Wing extent — 18 "
Bill from gape — 1 1/2 "
Leg. 4 1/2 "
Outer joint of wing 5 1/4 "

Red Breasted Snipe — Male
Tall Tale Godwit — Male
Red Backed Sandpiper — Female
Semipalmated Sandpiper — Female
Blue Winged Teal. Female
Sandling Sandpiper — Female
Ash Colored Sandpiper — Male
Purple Martin — Male
Turnstone — Male

Purple (probably) Sandpiper
Adult Male

Common Rail — Sept. 8 Female.

Sept. 12 Aft-off.

" 29 " "

Oct 15th " "

" 23rd " "

Nov. 6 " "

Dec. 8 " "

